

West Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting

September 10, 2018

5:30 pm

Knight & Day Restaurant

9677 King George Blvd, Surrey BC

Present: Susie Blyth (CEIU, Local 20964) Chair; Samina Anwar (CEIU, Local 20910); Johann Ackermann (UTE, Local 20029), Warren Wulff (UCTE, Local 20088), Stephen Klaver (CEIU, Local 20910); Richard Hyatt (UTE, Local 20050); (on phone) Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE, Local 20088), Monique Bakker (OHEW, Local 20147); Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative).

Absent: Shirley Torres (UNE, Local 20278); Joyce Qadir (CFIA Local 20044) Sheila Rao (UTE, Local 20050);

Regrets: Georges Tenn (UTE, Local 20050); Dina Elias (CEIU, Local 20910); Lori Anglin (CFIA Local 20044)

- **Susie Called the meeting To Order**
- **Adoption of Agenda – Monique/Samina** Moved/seconded to adopt the Agenda as amended carried
- **Review of previous Minutes –Stephen/Warren** Moved/seconded to adopt the minutes as amended. Carried
- **Business Arising from previous minutes** – Warren and Samina were at the PNE labour day. Warren brought out the whole family and it was a good turnout. The downside was the location of the union venues as some were just in the union only area. The rally was in the Pacific Coliseum. Robert was in the Okanagan which was open to all and went well. He noted that about 50 to 60 percent of the attendees knew about phoenix. (He noted that we are continuing on with the phoenix campaign.)
- **Financial report** – Georges Ten has resigned as the AC Treasurer and Monique has stepped up to help in the interim. A notice will be issued immediately to state the position is open and an election will be held at the next AC meeting.
- **Education** – Warren passed around the PSAC Fall training schedule (see the Regional website). His highlight was the BC Labour Heritage centre has a few things going on. A new book was put out called "On The Line, A history of the BC Labour Movement" written by Rod Mickleburgh. Another item is that the BCLHC also does virtual walking tours and will come out to do these. They are offering two evenings at the Anvil Ctr in New Westminster on October 4th and Thursday November 8th. You can learn more about this at their website - www.labourheritagecentre.ca. Jennifer mentioned a March 31st deadline for a \$1,000 scholarship for student which is open to the general public and is posted on the UNE website. Monique suggested contacting the other ACs to see if they would be interested in doing some sort of educational training on Political Action or something else with the other ACs? **Warren will contact the ther ACs.**
- **Political Action/ Upcoming Events** – Reminder of the Annual Free BBQ & Fun Day at Confederation Park which will take place on September 15th between 11 AM and 4 PM in Confederation Park, Burnaby. RSVP by September 10th <http://bit.ly/psacbbq> . Reminder to be

aware of the Municipal elections on October 20th and to go out and vote. Also, reminder to do MP visits. Stephen mentioned the Nanaimo Phoenix rally for Trudeau's visit was fantastic he also attended the Ginger Goodwin Memorial March earlier in June.

- **Food/Child care** - Stephen / Monique M/S to approve the \$196.90 expense for the food. Carried; Stephen/Richard M/S to pay for Monique's child care bill \$60.50 carried.
- **Dec 6th Vigil** – Jennifer mentioned that New Westminster and District Labour Council is interested in joining us for the vigil on Thursday, Dec 6th. Shirley Torres and Susie Blyth are willing to help out. Jennifer may not be able to attend. Johann/Stephen M/S to fund up to \$300 for the vigil. Carried.
- The **PSAC BC Regional Health and Safety Conference** is being held on Saturday and Sunday, December 15-16 at the Radisson Hotel in Richmond BC. The application deadline is October 5th, 2018.
- It was mentioned that posting on the **WFVAC facebook page** is restricted to the AC executive to ensure unwanted posts are not made. A decision was made to allow Jennifer to post to the page.
- **Round table** – Warren mentioned that he was selected to be on the Regional Mobilization Coordinating Committee. He will receive training and then he will be visiting the Downtown Vancouver TB locals to coordinate and discuss political action. Susie is the committee member for the WFV area and Samina is her alternate. Monique mentioned that a member passed away due to cancer. As a result, she will be passing the information on to the Union.
- **Adjournment** - Next Meeting will be held on November 5th, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

NOTE: The WFVAC is doing an on-going collection of toiletries (such as hotel soaps & shampoos from a hotel stay or/and toothbrushes & toothpaste you receive at dental check-ups.), gently used clothing items all of which will be donated to various Women's Shelters in the WFVAC areas. Please bring your items to our meetings. All contributions are appreciated and make a difference to those who find themselves in difficult circumstances.