

OKANAGAN AREA COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Penticton. BC

PRESENT: Nadia Sokal (AGR), Maria Louisa Romano (AGR), Kelly Megyesi (CEIU), Lorelei Sterling, Ruy Romano (AGR), Robert Strang (Staff)

REGRETS: Linda Woods (UNE), Darrel-Lee McKenzie(AGR) , Joy Harrison (APSAR), Karen Sutton (CIU), Jeanne Olineck (CEIU)

March 2, 2019 MINUTES REVIEWED

Items to be carried forward to next meeting include:

- Voting by email
- Whatsapp – Karen
- Conference call discussion

Minutes carried m/ MLR s/ NS c/ ALL

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are now set-up with Interior Savings. Signing authorities are in place and we have electronic access.

Balance as at April 30th 2019 was \$3474.25

Allocation of \$500 from PSAC was deposited May 1, 2019. This allocation was ½ of last years allocation. Per REVP this was based on spending, bank balance, and projected budget.

Treasurer's report adopted m/s/c (KM/NS/All)

FUNDING FROM PSAC

Discussion on allocation reduction. We need to ensure we use the money we have for events! Kelly suggested that we look at covering travel costs to encourage participation. People have to come in to Kelowna. Gas expensive. Kamloops members – cover some of their trip? Members should think about this as we will bring motions forward at the next meeting

EMERGENCY ACTIONS IN JUNE / JULY (re: PSAC conference call)

- June 12th – Action Day MAYBE >
- DO WHAT YOU CAN DAY. Social Media / Pics et
- July 2-3-4 – MP Office Visits: VISIT MR CANNINGS AGAIN?
- Maria Louisa Romano does not want to visit Con MP in Vernon – doesn't want to help them against Libs.

POLITICAL ACTION



Nadia Sokal, Darrell-Lee McKenzie, & John Drover met recently with MP RICHARD CANNINGS – Successful meeting with MP Richard Cannings; discussion about delays & insults with TB bargaining and Phoenix.

May 1, 2019

<https://openparliament.ca/debates/2019/4/30/richard-cannings-1/only/>

PROJECTS/EVENTS

The area council participating in the May Labour Day event in Penticton. Great turn out and lots of interaction. Lots of sharing with community and great networking with other union activists and political activists.

It was a great day for 'Working People in the Community' celebration ...



https://www.kelownanow.com/watercooler/news/news/Penticton/It_was_a_great_day_for_Working_People_in_the_Community_celebration_at_Gyro_Park/

Discussion on event planning. Area council members are asked to submit their thoughts to MLR and NS. We hope to make decisions/motions at our next meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

The group would like to have a standing agenda for meetings: Review of previous minutes, Executive report (generally president), Treasurers report, Projects/events, Political action, Round Table, Next meeting.

MOTION TO PAY FOR DINNER

Kelly Megyesi to be reimbursed \$107.20 m/ MLR s/LS c/ ALL

NEXT MEETING

Mon Sept 2, 2019 at 3:00 pm Kelowna - Location tba (possibly the Capri or MTL foods)
May include a meet and greet and committee encouraged to bring a union member as a guest.