

West Fraser Valley Area Council
Meeting Agenda
November 04, 2019

Present: Susie Blyth (CEIU, Local 20964) Chair; Monique Bakker on the phone (UHEW, Local 20147); Johann Ackermann (UTE, Local 20029); Warren Wulff (UCTE, Local 20088); Ann Birne (UNE, Local 20278); Amina Rufficu (UNE, Local 20278); Jennifer Ly (UTE Local 20027); Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative)

Regrets: Samina Anwar (CEIU, Local 20910); Shirley Torres (UNE, Local 20278).

1. **Call To Order** – Susie acknowledged unceded territory and called the meeting to order at 6 pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda** –Johann/ Warren M/S to adopt the Agenda as amended – Carried
3. **Jamey Mills** gave updates on bargaining, the election results and on Phoenix.
4. Review of the September 30th, 2019 meeting minutes. Warren/Johann M/S to approve the minutes. Carried.
5. **Financial Report** – **Monique** reported that the Sept 30th bank closing balance was \$3,492.03 Warren reported that he spent \$22.40 on express post to mail the CLIFF cheque by express post. Susie 101.50 paid Registration to the Surrey Pride Festival in June which was never paid. Johann/Amina M/S to reimburse Warren's \$22.40 and Susie's \$101.50. Carried. Monique/Ann M/S to accept to accept the Financial Report as discussed.
6. **Political Action:** Robert mentioned that the focus for area councils is to target MP visits. Susie brought up that her MP stated that he would bring up on the floor of legislature to create a National Indigenous People's Day. However he did not get re-elected. So this is an issue that could also be brought up. Warren mentioned that he went to another rally for the Unite Hotel Local. Jamey Mills and other PSAC members were also there and three of the Hotels have since settled.
7. **Education** – Warren gave a very brief report on education. Nothing much new.
8. **8th Triennial PSAC BC Region Convention:**
 - Susie** – Nominated by Johann and seconded by Warren
(declined as she is already a delegate)
 - Monique** – Nominated by Warren and seconded by Susie
(Acclaimed)
 - Warren** - nominated by Amina and seconded by Susie

(declined as he is already a delegate)

Alternates

Amina – nominated by Ann and seconded by Susie

Ann - nominated by Susie and seconded by Jennifer

Jennifer – nominated by Johann and seconded by Warren

It was agreed upon by the delegates present that the order of priority for the alternates is Amina, Ann, Jennifer.

No resolutions were brought up but none were put forward.

9. **Events** – Susie mentioned the December 6th vigil is being held at Holland Park again and The Westminster Labour Council will be joining us again. Warren mentioned the Cliff movie night on November 19th at the Vancouver RO.

10. **New Business** – Susie

11. **Food Bill** - Johann/Warren M/S to approve the food bill in the amount of \$78.99 (includes tip) – Carried Warren/Mnique M/S that the AC pay for \$105.00 to pay for the cost of holding a meeting the Hall. Carried

12. **Johann/ Warren M/S** that the auditor's km and meal expenses are covered up to the maximum of \$100.00 Jennifer has volunteered to Audit and Susie will ask Sandi Kincek.

13. **Next meeting** will be on February 10th, 2020 at a location to be determined.
Meeting adjourned

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.

Education Report: WFVAC

30 September 2019

Warren Wulff

1. PSAC BC office is offering lunch & learns for every local around bargaining, particularly if your bargaining unit is at an impasse (e.g., Treasury Board, CRA). Lunch hour session called "We're at Impasse : What's Next?" Contact Monica Urrutia to book your session (604-430-5631).
2. PSAC BC educational courses (free – each attendee of a weekend course receives \$50 honourarium/day) (<http://psacbc.com/events/courses?region=All>):
 - a. Metro (Joyce St.)
 - i. Talking Union Basics – October 5th
 - ii. Health & Safety Activism – November 2nd
 - iii. Intro to the Duty to Accommodate – November 3rd
 - iv. Grievance Handling Course – December 7th
 - b. Fraser Valley
 - i. Local Officers' Training – Workplace problem solving – October 26th
3. Upcoming workshop: Vancouver Troublemakers School
 - a. October 26, 8:30 am start
 - b. Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph St., Vancouver
 - c. \$25 for registration (\$10 for low income)
 - d. www.labornotes.org/vancouver for more information
4. Vancouver & District Labour Council education program for Fall 2019 has many 1&2-day programs across a wide variety of interests. If your local is affiliated, you can earn a discount. (www.vdlc.ca/education – click 2019 Fall Program at the bottom of the page for the PDF)
5. 2020 CLC Pacific Region Winter School – October will be likely release of course offerings and chance to register. PSAC does offer financial assistance (two subsidies each worth \$500). Courses are one week long and the entire series of courses run from mid-January to mid-February in Harrison Hot Springs. PSAC BC will send out an email – watch for it.
6. Canadian Labour International Film Festival (CLiFF) (labourfilms.ca). This is a film festival in a box, and Vancouver Area Council would like to host a CLiFF on either. VAC is interested in WFVAC joining with them to advertise, (maybe a little organize?), and help bring out members (and members of the community!).
 - a. Date: November 19, 21, or 24, depending on which day works best.
 - b. Location: PSAC BC – 5238 Joyce St, Vancouver
 - c. Film(s) run time = 60 minutes
 - d. Refreshments will be provided