

PSAC OKanagan Area Council
Meeting
June 20, 2014
650 Gibson Road Kelowna BC

Present:

Michele Sibson	UNE 20088
Annette Hale	USGE 20153
Linda Woods	UNE 20140
Kelly Megyesi	CEIU 20915
Roberta Drinkwater	CEIU 20972
Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003
Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043
Sue Moser	UTE 20003
Shiv Reddy	UTE 20026
Joy Harrison	APSAR

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM: Susan Yaciw Chair.

Old Business:

Review of minutes February 8, 2014, meeting held at the Library.
No errors or omissions. Motion to Adopt the minutes: M/S/ Carried.

Review of minutes of meeting April 25, 2014, meeting held at the B. C.
Regional Convention. No errors or omissions noted. Motion to adopt the
minutes: M/S/ Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Darrell-Lee presented the Treasurer's Report, copy attached. One item of
note: \$100.00 was borrowed from the Human Rights Committee of the
Okanagan at the B.C Regional Convention and has been repaid to the same
committee.

Motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report: M/S/ Carried.

Some discussion occurred concerning the allocation of PSAC funding to the
Okanagan Area Council, the Okanagan Women's Committee and the Okanagan
Human Rights Committee. The receipt of the first installment of funding was

acknowledged. The consensus is that the affiliation dues for Locals to participate in the Area Council are a way of ensuring a commitment and participation. Dues could be waived if circumstances warranted.

Political Action:

Update provided by Darrell-Lee and Annette on the political action summit they attended in May. Report attached.

Planned activity for the Okanagan: a BBQ or alternatively a cold lunch brought to workplaces...like a roving meeting, brought to the members Using coffee breaks and lunch times, it would be possible to target 3 workplaces in a day We could provide a lunch bag/gift and place information about the PSAC, the area council, other PSAC Committees in the area, buttons, etc. We could provide a speaker, possibly someone from the PSAC Regional office or a member of the appropriate bargaining team.

A secondary goal could be gathering email addresses of members.

Darrell-Lee will contact Patrick at PSAC Regional office, about what material and supplies might be available.

Susan will contact Robert at the PSAC Regional Office about availability and contact information for local presidents.

All visits will need to be co-ordinated with local presidents.

Annette, Susan and Darrell-Lee are taking the leadership roles on this.

Motion: that we allocate \$500.00 from the Area Council budget towards this fall events. Seconded. Adopted.

Susan will request the PSAC assist in funding up to \$1000.00 for the events.

Kelly reported on the Progress Summit she attended in March. Copies of the report were distributed on email, and a copy will be attached to the minutes.

Kelly formally made a presentation and requested funding of \$200.00 from the Area Council to go towards the registration fees of \$600.00 to assist in her attending the Summer Institute for Union Women sponsored by the B C Federation of Labour, to be held in Victoria in July 2014.

Motion to provide Kelly with the requested \$200.00 funding. Seconded. Adopted.

In support of the B C Teachers Federation, and their current situation,

Moved that the Area Council spend up to \$100.00 in advertising in a local paper to send the message: "Okanagan Area Council supports BC Okanagan Teachers". Seconded. Adopted.

Susan will liaise with the newspapers and with Patrick at the PSAC office to determine costs and appropriate messages.

All members were reminded that letters to the editors are free. And to make any efforts you can, in your own community to support the teachers. Also a watchword, that the teachers were manoevered into the present position by the employer, and to be sure the Federal government has watched and made notes. It could happen to PSAC next.

National Public Service Week:

The PSAC position of not participating was effective. It was noted that PIPSC also boycotted events. The PSAC components held membership appreciation events simultaneously in some workplaces.

B C Regional Council Update:

Susan was re-elected and is now on the D A S H committee: (donations/assistance/subsidies/and honours), and has been named Chair of the By-Laws Committee. Congratulations extended.

Election of the B C Regional Council took place at convention and more than half the Council is new, although there is a lot of political action experience among the new members.

One of the challenges is travelling home, by air, from meetings when they conclude earlier than anticipated. It is a big issue, as those members have hours between the conclusion of the meetings and the flight home. The council members from the lower mainland are not affected by this at all, as they head home directly.

Conference call meeting in July and Sept 17-19 is the next Council meeting.

CLC Convention update:

Convention was held in Montreal, PSAC is a partner on the Fairness Works television ads.

New CLC President elected: Hussan Yussuff formerly of the CAW.

Upcoming National Component Conventions:

USGE Convention in Montreal in July

UTE Convention in Windsor in July

UNE Convention in Victoria in August
AGR in Winnipeg in August
CEIU in Ottawa in September

Roundtable:

Annette- 31 formerly civilian members of the RCMP have been converted to PSAC members. This represents about 1/3 of the civilian members who are dispatchers, intercept monitors, data base administrators, radio techs and do other support work.

All Area Council members wished a good summer.
Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM