

PSAC BC Young Workers Meeting

September 24, 2015

Present: Maggie, Monica (staff), Harpreet; via phone: Shawna, Vic

Regrets: Craig, Jessica

Call to Order: 6:20PM

1. Approval of previous minutes (June 3, 2015): moved – Harpreet, seconded – Vic, Motion Passed
 - a. Monica sent out an email to ratify to spend \$300 for an Outreach event in July 2015, this Motion was voted on and agreed to
2. Unfinished/Old Business:
 - a. Reflections on summer events:
 - i. Black and Blue Patio event: 9 young workers attended, good turnout, spoke of various election issues and concerns
 - ii. Whitecaps event: 7 young workers attended, dynamic pictures were taken! Vic added that the Union SWAG that was provided was really nice and overall it was a good event and makes people more comfortable to come out at future events once ice broken
 - b. Monica advised that the Vancouver Island Young Workers' Committee is having an Outreach Event in October. They are organizing a hockey event
3. SWAG: USB drives per the PSAC Regional Catalogue look good but a motion was not passed to spend the money on the SWAG
4. Young Workers Logo Contest: Harpreet is working on this, Maggie and Harpreet will finalize this in the near future
5. Education: Monica contacted Bob Jackson for Young Workers to be able to attend training and it is unfortunately not going to work out; on another note – we received feedback regarding educational offerings - training schedules are up on the website
 - a. The Union Development Program (brochure passed out) is offered annually with other members West and North of the Country, next year it will be hosted in Vancouver and Victoria – we hope people will apply, Vanessa and Sharon applied and attended and found it to be a great source of information, the deadline for applications is October 16 – please go onto the National Website to apply, PSAC will cover costs (Loss of Salary, travel, accommodation)
 - b. Canadian Labour Congress Winter School – Young Workers in Action being offered Feb 15-19 in Harrison Hot Springs, Community Savings is offering a scholarship and the deadline for applying is Jan 4, Monica will email out the scholarship information
6. New Business:
 - a. MyCanada2015.ca: Brittany and Maggie received an email from a fellow young worker looking for volunteers, the goal is to raise voting awareness, profile regarding voting,

and platforms, we have leaflets to spread information, we can adopt a campaign, coordinate sessions with volunteers

- i. Maggie suggested doing an Outreach event: Moved to spend up to \$300 for Young Worker promo items, Seconded: Vic, Motion passed
 - ii. Maggie moved to spend \$100 on a political outreach campaign event in Oct/Nov; Seconded: Vic, Motion Passed
 - 1. October 15 – leafletting at the Vancouver library to the general public.
Maggie will take the lead on this and will put a call out for volunteers
 - b. Upcoming Federal Election: Monica advised that there is a member-to-member campaign via phone/door canvassing and Vic had participated in this; Vic advised that members are well supported, PSAC staff, receptive audience, script and support materials are provided and this is an excellent way to get engaged; future dates are Sept 28, Oct 3, and Oct 17 and will most likely be held at the PSAC Regional Office
 - i. The BC Fed Young Workers Committee will be attending a BC Lions game and handing out non-partisan leaflets to encourage people to vote; if you would like to attend, tickets and food will be provided by the BC Fed – please let Monica know if you’re interested in attending before Oct 4
 - c. Young Workers Coordinating Group Update:
 - i. Planning Convention in Spring 2016, calling for volunteers, please apply if you’re interested, the event will be held in Metro Vancouver
 - ii. Regional Plan: produce video, outreach drive, regional survey, draws periodically for SWAG, the face-to-face meeting will be held in Nov for the coordinating group, YouTube update will be available asap as Vanessa and Sharon are still working on this
 - iii. Revamp of Communication Tools: 1 postcard size handout will be created
 - d. If you have any Young Workers’ event pictures, please send them to Maggie
 - e. Vanessa is Working on the regional webpage – she’s trying to make the self-id inconspicuous so that we have more young workers self-id
 - f. Educational \$ for Young Workers: no per Bob with very good reasoning
 - g. Geographical region: we are unsure of where one committee belongs, Haida-Gwaii member said their neither – Haida-Gwaii is their own Island, the Terms of Reference need to be amended to reflect this change
 - h. Four Young Workers attended the Union Development program, two had to withdraw
 - i. Coordinating Group meeting is being held at the end of November and the focus will be on team building and Conference prep
 - j. Getting Young Worker specific promo items for Conference (i.e. powersticks) depends on budget, waiting to hear from Ottawa re: approval
7. January 2016 AGM: It was suggested that a meeting should be held perhaps at the beginning of November and then decided that a brief meeting will be held during lunch at the Coordinating Group meeting
8. The next YW meeting is going to be held January 21, 2016
- Meeting Adjourned 7:27PM