

# **BC Mainland Young Workers Committee**

*June 3, 2015*

Present: Emma, Maggie, Harpreet , Monica (staff)

On the phone: Shawna

Regrets: Craig, Jessica

Called to order at 6:14pm

## *Approval of Previous Minutes from March 5 2015*

Maggie moved to approve minutes as distributed and Emma seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed

Old Business

## *Regional Survey (analysis)*

Monica presented the responses received to the Regional Survey to date and highlighted a few findings. She also sent out an email with more detailed analysis to the Committee.

The Mainland received 22 responses – most respondents' employment status was indeterminate and their first preference for being contacted by the Committee was by email. Their second choice was in person at their office by a union representative/steward. 18 out of 22 opted to write comments about the child care campaign, mostly positive. Response to the Fight for 15 campaign was not as strong.

Survey winners will be selected and sent swag of their choice with a value of up to \$30  
The survey will now be evergreen and new responses will be reviewed as they are received.

In future communication and advertising for the social events the committee would like to add some "mythbusting" about the impacts of raising the minimum wage. Based on survey responses, young worker members don't seem to be familiar with the Fight for 15 campaign. Survey respondents were also interested in learning more about their rights in the workplace so the committee will look at ways to increase this type of information in our communications materials as well.

## *Social Events*

### *June 17 event – Black and Blue patio 6pm*

Emma will be arranging with Monica for SWAG to bring to the event. Some RSVPs have been received and Maggie also requested a reminder be sent out closer to the event to get more RSVPs. The

Vancouver Area Council has a softball tournament the same day and some members may head over after the games.

#### *July event*

Craig sent an email letting the committee know about different options for a July social event. He sent dates and pricing for both the Whitecaps (soccer) and Canadians (baseball) in July. The pricing was roughly the same, with the Canadians having more possible dates that would work. He hasn't confirmed group pricing for the Whitecaps yet.

After discussion, the committee wants Craig to proceed with planning for July 26 Whitecaps game.

#### *SWAG*

Maggie researched USB drives but has not found out a price yet – she checked a few sites for different items including Unionware Canada. Emma suggested hoodies as popular items as well.

Monica let the committee know that the PSAC National office is currently clearing out stock: USBs are \$8 each and 8 GB. Additionally, hoodies are currently available for about \$30 – usually they are \$50.

Harpreet volunteered to set up contest to design a PSAC BC Mainland Young Worker logo.

Monica will send out the list of SWAG available through National office.

#### *New business*

#### *June 19-20 Camp Jubilee subsidy*

No one has yet registered – subsidy is still available.

#### *Upcoming federal election and political action*

The PSAC wants to ensure all committees are active about the federal election and getting information out to their membership. Leaflets and other information/tools are available from the CLC who have identified 4 main election issues to talk about with the public. PSAC is setting up a pledge to vote and take action site too for members.

BCGEU held a Breakfast for child care champions recently. At the breakfast BCGEU presented information focused on the \$10/day campaign and their goal of making childcare an election issue. Many BCGEU members work in early childhood education. At the breakfast they asked attendees to consider asking the organizations that they represent to make a donation to Coalition of Childcare Advocates of BC to help them publicize this issue and the campaign.

Shawna pointed out that there was a strong response in the regional survey to child care – and that we have donation and political action funds available.

Shawna made a motion to donate \$100 to Coalition of Childcare Advocates of BC (\$50 from Political Action and \$50 from Donations) and Maggie seconded the motion.

Motion passed

#### *NPSW*

PSAC has created promotional items to increase awareness of boycott of NPSW. One of these items is buttons with the theme “respect” for people to wear throughout the week. Materials will be distributed to Locals.

#### *Education input*

Monica provided a summary of upcoming educational courses for the fall including Member Facilitator Training in August and Advanced Steward Training in October. The Member Facilitator training is being offered for the first time in over a decade in the BC region. Maggie asked about financial incentives for YW attendance and the Committee will have to check with the REVP’s office to see if we can use our budget for incentives.

#### *Age update*

The online survey has changed and the PSAC self-id forms have all been updated as well.

Next meeting: September 22 at 6pm at the Regional Office

*Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm*