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Vancouver and District Area Council Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Todd Smith (AGR 20044), Crystal Isaac (UTE 20027) volunteered to take minutes while Jennifer is connecting via phone, Shane Polak (UVAE 20045), Donna Odne (AGR 20044), Lorraine Gate (UTE 20027), Sharon Cowie (UTE 20027), Marion McLarty (UNE 20150), Ann-Marie Friesen (UHEW 20729), Andre Bessette (UHEW 20729)

On the phone: Jennifer Horsley (UPCE 20095), Cheryl Oenema (UCTE 20219)

Regrets: Aaron Chang (CEIU 20938), Terri Lee (AGR 20044), Steve Faria (AGR 20060), Damir Moric (MHGYWC), Kelp Watson (UCTE 20088)

Called to Order at 6:00PM

Agenda:

1. Ratify all motions made at September 11, 2019 meeting (required as meeting did not have quorum)
2. Ratify motion of the Executive re: UniteHere picket line support
3. Business arising since September 11
 - Sept 17 All-Candidates Meeting (in-camera discussion)
 - Federal Election results
4. Standing finance update c/o Aaron
5. Metro Vancouver Alliance update
6. Upcoming events:
 - CLIFF (Fall)
7. Phoenix sub-committee
8. Affiliate Reports (3 minutes per local/committee) – **Important note: please send written affiliate reports to Vice President, Crystal Isaac at crystal.isaac@gmail.com either prior to or within two weeks after the meeting to be included in the official minutes.**
9. New Business
 - Resolutions to be considered for submission to B.C. Regional Convention
 - Election of Vancouver Area Council delegate to B.C. Regional Convention
 - Election of Vancouver Area Council alternate delegate to B.C. Regional Convention
10. Round Table

Ratified all motions made at the September 11, 2019 meeting (M/S/C)

Agenda adopted (M/S/C)

Welcome and Acknowledgement - Todd opened the meeting with the acknowledgement of the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh.

Business arising since September 11

- September 17 All-Candidates Meeting - in-camera discussion
- Federal Election results
- Liberals won. Todd was pleased with the results. Good for bargaining.
Now is a good time to talk to your MP and push for new contracts.

Finance update presented by Todd

Section	Vancouver Area Council	2019		
		Forecast	YTD expenses	Available
A	Political Action	\$2,700	\$2,071.38	628.62
B	General Membership Meetings	\$1,000	\$578.58	421.42
C	Conventions, Conferences & Education	\$1,000	\$250.00	750.00
D	Office Expenses	\$25	\$ -	25.00
E	Donations	\$500	\$1,091.56	(591.56)
F	Metro Vancouver Alliance - Dues	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	-
G	Other	\$0.00		-
	Total Debits	\$6,225	\$4,991.52	1,233.48

Metro Vancouver Alliance update:

Jen provided an overview of what the MVA is for some of the new people in the room. MVA is stepping back and looking for new member organizations. Some changes are coming - Jen will report when she knows more

Upcoming Events:

CLIFF

Event to be held on November 19th, 2019 from 6PM-8PM at the PSAC BC Regional Office. Snacks and pop will be provided. One film is about precarious workers and the other Jen couldn't remember. Question was put out if the Area Council required PSAC staff to help with the event - Jen said she only needed help with the computer to get the films set up.

Phoenix Subcommittee

Not a lot to update on. Todd stated at the All Candidates Meeting they asked questions about Phoenix. Todd also stated everyone should lobby their MPs. Marion stated Phoenix is now directly related to someone taking their life in Quebec. A moment of

silence was held for the member. Todd asked if anyone was experiencing new issues and stated if anyone has any new ideas they can email or contact the office.

Affiliate Reports

No written reports were received

New Business

Resolutions to be considered for submission to B.C. Regional Convention

-all resolutions listed below were discussed, some with slight amendments, and passed to be submitted to B.C. Regional Convention. For full text of each resolution, please see attachment.

Title: Prioritizing Mental Health Funding (M/S/C) Shane/Marion

Title: Requirement for Personal Care Facilities for the Working Poor and Homeless (M/S/C) Shane/Andre

Title: Membership Engagement (M/S/C) Jennifer/Sharon

Title: Diversity Education (M/S/C) Marion/Cheryl

Title: Participation in Regional Committees (M/S/C) Jen/Andre

Title: Support for Intox, Detox, Rehabilitation, Supervised Consumption Services, and Safe Supply in Canada (M/S/C) Marion/Shane

Title: The Fight for Students and Interns (M/S/C) Crystal/Marion

Title: Climate Emergency and Our Future (M/S/C) Andre/Shane

Title: Moving Towards Zero Waste (M/S/C) Anne Marie/Andre

Election of Vancouver Area Council delegate to B.C. Regional Convention

Nominee: Andre M: Anne Marion S: Lorraine - acclaimed

Election of Vancouver Area Council alternate delegate to B.C. Regional Convention

Nominee: Cheryl M: Jen S: Andre - acclaimed

Round Table

Jen - Hotel Georgia rally tomorrow if anyone can make it

Shane - By law changes with VLDC board

Andre - Asked for funding for Winter school - would like to take a course on Federal Labour Law. Asking for \$200 motion is based on receiving subsidy from PSAC.

Seconded by Shane - Motion was carried

Jen - Motion for \$100 for Cliff for snacks, seconded by Lorraine - Motion carried

Monica – Gender Equity Taskforce - Engagement call for women not active in the union, if interested ask Monica for more information. Spring courses are coming out soon.

Winter School \$500 subsidies available - deadline for applying is December 6

Next Meeting

AGM on January 22, 2020. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM