

## East Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2020

Meeting called to order 6:02pm.

Quorum is met.

### **In attendance**

Brother Anthony Paller- President

Brother Melvin Dureen –Vice President

Sister Heidi Kay – Secretary

Kirsty Havard – Regional Vice President USJE

Allan Otrosina – USJE

Sister Patty Ducharme – PSAC Staff Representative

Sister Nancy Burton- sends regrets

Agenda was accepted as sent out.

Moved by Heidi

Seconded by Kirsty

### **Presidents Report**

Antony reported that the Executive (minus Melvin) have chosen January 14, 2021 for the AGM. Members in attendance agreed with the proposed date. Dates for the meetings for the remainder of 2021 will be presented to attendees to the AGM. The dates are: February 18, 2021; April 15, 2021; September 16, 2021; and November 18, 2021. Meetings will continue to start at 6:00 and end by 8:00 pm.

Antony reported that work for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is underway- a written financial report and proposed budget will be put to those in attendance at the AGM. In the past we have discussed changes to the By-Laws to bring them into line with the Regional By-Laws and Constitution. They have never been adopted and MINUTED so the amended bylaws will need to be presented and adopted at the AGM. The elections for the VP and Treasurer will also take place at the AGM. While we know the elections will take place online we have not had direction on the method we will use for this. Patty will share when she gets instruction.

As Nancy was unable to attend the meeting, a rough estimate of the Area Council's finances was reported. The only expense to date for the year were the expenses related to the AGM last February and the expenses for the Labour Day appreciation cookie drop at the CBSA offices. Melvin is still not on the bank account as a signatory.

Patty asked Antony if he had received the cheques to sign; he has not. Patty will make other arrangements for the payment of our outstanding bills. Patty also asked for auditors for the financial report which will be presented to those in attend. Kirsty offered and Heidi said she would recruit someone else.

Priorities for the Area Council were discussed:

Members discussed training needs and desires- the changes to the Canada Labour Code and harassment in the workplace is a topic of interest, as was the whole issue of dealing with accommodation requests meaningfully (as opposed to simply striking people off on 699 leave).

How do we recruit new delegates to the area council? How do we grow the area council?

Patty will get membership lists from Patrick and do some preliminary work leading up to the AGM. May want a member working to do outreach (could involve some union billed leave).

Charitable contributions

The committee discussed their original budget for charitable contributions and community support. Given the fact that communities are hurting and social services are stretched thin (and the area council has had little to no expenses this year) it was agreed that a \$200 donation would be made to each of the following food banks: Chilliwack, Agassiz, Abbotsford and Mission.

Given these are seasonal donations, Patty will get the cheques from Nancy and take them to Antony for his signature and either deliver or mail them.

Patty will share this information with Nancy and they will work on the proposed budget before Xmas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23

Moved by Melvin

Seconded by Allan