

East Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2020

Teleconference

Meeting called to order 5:05pm.

Quorum was met.

In attendance

Brother Jamie Mills (RVP PSAC)
Sister Patty Ducharme PSAC Regional Rep
Brother Antony Paller (President)
Brother Melvin Dureen (Vice President)
Sister Heidi Kay Local 20040 (Secretary)
Brother Alan Otrosina Local 20141
Brother Dave Rude Local 20141

Regrets: Sister Nancy Burton (Treasurer)

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda reviewed
Alan moved that they be accepted as presented
Seconded by Heidi
Accepted by all.

Minutes of Previous Minutes –May 28,2020

- Draft Minutes were made available to all who attended the meeting
- Alan moved that they be accepted.
- Antony seconded
- Minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had not yet joined the call reviewing the financial report was deferred to the end of the meeting.

- Nancy emailed Treasurer's Report to Executive.
- Report was verbally reviewed.
- Alan moved to accept the financial report as discussed.
- Heidi seconded
- Financial report accepted as submitted.

Update from Jamie Mills RVP PSAC

-As the Treasurer had not yet joined the call Antony asked Jamie Mills to provide an update on negotiations.

- Acknowledged the meeting is being held on indigenous lands and territories.

-Thanked everyone for the work they have been doing during the COVID crisis. Commented on how this country would not have been able to operate as it has without the commitment of PSAC members.

-Update on bargaining:

PA group is back at the table- they will not bring an offer back to the members unless it is fair. PA group has been meeting with the employer for 2 weeks and that neither party has left the table. He stated the parties were “inches not miles away from an agreement”. There are no ongoing discussions regarding sick leave at this time.

The PA group is expected to set the bar for other group negotiations.

EB /UTE/SV/PARKS/EB groups – meetings are postponed until the PA group has completed their negotiations.

-Waiting to hear on Phoenix damages. Jamie is hoping the results will be covered on the national and local news so that the public will be made aware of what Public Service workers have gone through in the last 4 years.

Activities of the Executive

-Melvin – Has been repairing “ Thank You Public Service” signs as he finds them broken and blown over. Suggested that they be anchored with stronger zip ties as many have been broken from the wind.

-Heidi – will be attending the Regional Summit on behalf of EFVAC on July 16th

Updates from Patty Ducharme PSAC Regional Rep

-PSAC BC Area Council and Regional Committee Summit with BC Regional Council will be held on Thursday July 16th. This will be held a Zoom Meeting.

-Asked about information she is sharing about webinars and learning events from both PSAC and other social justice groups. Are there too many emails, are people wanting this information. Members of the Area Council were pleased to get the information-appreciative comments made about the Hollaback Bystander training.

-Ladies Night Solidarity Saturday will be held on July 18th at 6:00pm. The Regional Women’s Committee is organizing the event. Information is available on Facebook and the PSAC website.

-Patty made a request for women members to submit videos for the event.

COVID –Updates in the Workplace

Antony (Canadian Food Investigation Agency) – Reports that nothing has changed since he last reported to our group. There is a plan in place to start bringing more staff back to the worksite. Many workplaces have face and Plexiglas shields to protect staff. Hand sanitizer and masks are available and temperature checks are being done at the work site.

Heidi (Kent Institution) reported that things at Kent are going well. There is a push to get inmate programs and gym movement for both staff and inmates up and running. Kent's working group has been working on a plan to try and get these working in a safe and cautious manner. Temperature checks are being done on all staff.

Melvin – (Matsqui Insitution) reported that they are following NHQ guidelines. He has very little contact with other staff. There is a new program for maintenance called MAXIMO that has rolled out and there are concerns with how it works and how to use it. Additionally it brought up that his department is required to apply to annual leave again after already having had their leave approved and they had coverage.

Alan/Dave (Mission Minimum Institution) reported that the chapel was opening but there was no word on the resumption of programs at this time. Programs and Admin services are still being staffed lightly. Notifications have started to be sent to them letting them know they are being called back in 2 weeks. Some push back against management has been needed to ensure that Mission follows the working group recommendations.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had not joined the call earlier reviewing the financial report was deferred to the end of the meeting in the hopes that she would be able to attend.

-Nancy had emailed the financial statement to the Area Council to review. The report was verbally reviewed and the current balance is 1848.90. The only expense for the past reporting period was for 4.95 in bank service fees.

- Alan moved to accept the financial report as discussed.
- Heidi seconded
- Financial report accepted as submitted.

Scheduling and location of next meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 5:30pm.
- Allan suggested that we communicate regarding the Labour Day picnic alternatives. Patty will let us know by August 17th if there are any alternate plans for the Labour Day picnic.
- A calendar invite will be sent to those who indicate they will be attending the next meeting.

Alan moved to adjourn the meeting.

Antony seconded .
Accepted by all.

Adjourned 6:08pm