

Fraser Valley Area Council

2013 - 03 - 12

2570 Cyril Street

Abbotsford, BC

Meeting called to order 15:45.

In attendance:

President -Jayne Johns - CEIU Local 20903

Antony Paller - Agriculture 20044

Vice-President-Melvin Dureen USGE 20054

Daniella Cairns - CEIU 20903

Sec/Treas-Nancy Burton - USGE Local 20015

Bob Jackson - REVP PSACBC

Regrets:

Janelle Ho-Shing - Regional Rep PSACBC

1. Previous Minutes

-from 2013-02-09 were approved as read

Melvin Dureen moved as presented

Antony Paller - seconded

Carried

2. Budget Proposal

Jayne Johns spoke to items in budget proposal, FVAC to have operating expenses of \$760.00; funding for memberships and delegate donation to attend conferences \$400.00; annual donation to support Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC \$75.00; subsidies for FVAC delegates to attend conventions \$200.00; Donations to organizations ie: United Way, NDP fundraisers, \$600.00; Political Action \$1000.00; 3 Campaigns and local events \$3500.00.

3. REVP Report - Bob Jackson

-upcoming April 4, 2013 meeting, to be comprised of Presidents of Area Councils or delegate; chair of committees or delegate (ie; women's, young workers, aboriginal).

-agenda will include: the role of area councils; mechanics of how to make this meeting for all groups take place; how area councils are to fund activities in their area; how for area councils can fund members in their area;

-"WE ARE AFFECTED" campaign, this came out of National Board of Directors, plan to set in motion regional meetings that will be taking place across the country - in our region we will be having 3 meetings: Lower mainland

to include the North-April 26, Vancouver Island-April 22, and Okanagan-April 19, all to be full day meetings. National Campaign money will fund a Representative from each local, National Officers will be funded from respective component, Area Councils will fund Area Councils, it is anticipated that every local will send a representative and every National Officer will attend one of these meetings. Each meeting will have a one day agenda which will consist of a variety of things: looking at Bill 377 and the work we need to do and what we did not do prior to; begin strategizing and look at how we can change our strategy with the next bill gets introduced by the Conservative government; how each of will need to have a face to face discussion with each member of each local.

-Possibly 100 PSAC members will be in attendance at the National Canadian Labour Congress Conference in the east; discussion will be on how part of the Federal Conservatives plan is Bill 377 consists of cuts to the Government, with the upcoming bills that are all designed to get rid of Unions.

4. *Political Action*

- for the Valley, to target ridings and support the NDP candidates in Abbotsford-Mission; Chilliwack-Hope.

5. *Political Action*

-will concentrate on upcoming BC Election; target as many PSAC members and need to convince as many PSAC Members as possible to vote, when we win the Provincial Election we can concentrate on the 2015 Federal Election. PSACBC will send mail outs in some targeted ridings; Vancouver Regional Office to support Janet Routledge, NDP Candidate, Burnaby North. Members can support this candidate or candidate in their riding by helping in the NDP offices.

6. *Upcoming Events:*

-Women's Conference, May 3 - 5, 2013,

-Advanced Union School, June 4 - 9, 2013

-Fighting Back Campaign, April 19, 22, 26, 2013

7. *Round table:*

Daniella Cairns- lost 2 employees to retirement have been told they are not replacing these positions, new Executive with exception of Daniella the President and the Women's Rep. Event was organized for International Women's Day- collected soaps, shampoos and personal items to donate to women's shelter.

Melvin Dureen - Just returned from National USGE REVP meeting, looking at changing the grievance process to workplace (warden) and final level (national), compensation advisor group to receive affected letters in the next couple of weeks.

Antony Paller - CFIA short staffed, competitive process to backfill for indeterminate staff out of provincial plan, bargaining not moving forward, negotiator coming next week to talk with members.

Bob Jackson - was in Prince George for International Women's day breakfast, it was attended by over 200 people one of whom was the NDP candidate. Dept of Fisheries and Oceans in process of closing 21 offices across the country, 5 of which are in BC. Kelly did submission for honors and awards for people who have gone above and beyond the duty for Union. Info is on website on how to recognize members for unbroken service in their local, plaques for previous BC RVP's on wall at PSACBC office and list of Area Councils to be placed on wall as well. PSACBC would like to recognize those who have gone above and beyond for PSAC.

Jayne Johns - in her office there is a CRo4 who competed for an ASo3 position in Parole and won the process. Jayne was attending the Scotia bank & United Way Community Spirit Awards at the Westin Bay shore Vancouver on March 14th.

Nancy Burton- Held elections at Fraser Valley Institution- New Executive, Nancy Burton -President; Christine Sutton remained as Vice-President; we have a Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Shop Stewards. My former position was Work force adjusted and I was able to do an alternation with Sara Dueck and it went well.

8. *Adjournment*

Melvin Dureen - motion to adjourn

Jayne Johns - seconded

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 19:35

President-Jayne Johns

Vice-President-Melvin Dureen

Date

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