

Fraser Valley Area Council
General Executive Meeting: 2014-05-08
ABC Restaurant
32080 Marshall Road, Abbotsford, BC

Meeting called to order – 5:20 pm
Quorum met

In attendance:

Brother Melvin Dureen – President USGE 20054
Brother Antony Paller – Vice-President Agriculture 20044
Sister Nancy Burton – Treasurer USGE 20015
Sister Susan Wilmshurst – Secretary USGE 20091

Brother Ken Easton USGE 2B086
Sister Tina Evans USGE 20091
Sister Karen Sutton

1. Previous Minutes (AGM) reviewed

Motion to accept as presented – Sister Sue W.
Second – Sister Nancy B.

CARRIED

2. Presidents Report – Brother Melvin Dureen

- a) Brother Melvin reported the first bargaining meeting was held with all the teams to review demands. The PA table met again since then to finish going through their demands to ensure the language presented is representative of the intention of the grievance. There is a tentative date for all tables to meet with the employer for the first time from the 7th to 11th of July in Ottawa.
- b) The finance package for the FVAC has been submitted so funding for action activities should come earlier this year.

3. Financial Report – Sister Nancy Burton

- a) Bank balance as of May 08, 2014 is approximately \$1600.
Motion to accept – Brother Melvin D.
Second – Brother Ken E.

CARRIED

4. New Business

- a) Update on PSAC/BC Triennial Convention
 - Brother Bob Jackson was re-elected REVP over nominee Pamela Abbott.
 - Brother Antony Paller was elected as East Fraser Valley Regional Geographic Coordinator, Brother Ken Easton is first Alternate, and Sister Sue Wilmshurst will sit as

second alternate. Sister Joyce Slett was elected second alternate for Members with Disabilities and Brother Melvin Dureen elected first alternate for National Officers position.

- For further information on other elected members, please refer to the PSAC website. Brother Melvin reported all Fraser Valley attendees were effectively engaged and he feels we were well represented at the Convention.
- Brother Bob spoke to the membership indicating he has a strong focus on strengthening Area Councils and mobilizing the membership in general in preparation for the tasks ahead.

b) Update on the May 1st action

- USGE 20091 (CSC RHQ) had approximately 22 members come out for the photo including the RVP and a few members of other unions who joined them in solidarity.
- USGE 2B086 (PBC) were joined by CCAO and Abbotsford Parole and took photos as members were able to come out to participate at various times.
- RCMP Chilliwack, Mountain, Kent, Mission and Ferndale also submitted photos.
- Sister Karen Sutton reported that her site UCTE (Transport Canada Civil Aviation, Abbotsford) have 10 members (SV and USGE) who are requesting contact with an Area Council representative. Brother Melvin has agreed to attend the site.

c) Donation to sponsor USGE member – letter attached

- Sister Nancy reported that Sister Carole Lepine (USGE Fraser Valley Institution) is participating in this amazing event, to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in October, to raise money for the BC Children's Hospital. Each participant is challenged to raise at least \$5000 each.

Motion to donate \$100 – Sister Karen Sutton

Second – Sister Tina Evans

CARRIED

d) Activities we may wish to participate in:

- Canada Day
- MP Lobby blitz
- Mission Folk Festival – July 25 to 28
- Abbotsford Airshow – August 8, 9, 10th
- Will also investigate the Agrifairs (Abbotsford, Chilliwack Aug 8 – 10, Agassiz) for dates and costs for booths, etc.
- Discussed the possibility of setting up a booth in a chosen location outside of any specific event.

ACTION: Sister Tina will investigate costs for booth space at the Airshow and Brother Melvin will research the Agrifairs.

e) Political Action Summit – May 31st in Richmond from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

- PSAC BC requests 2 members of each Area Council to participate in a skill building event. The objective is for the attendees to return to their respective Area Councils and prepare a plan for political action that suits their area.

ACTION: Sue Wilmshurst and Ken Easton will attend on behalf of the Fraser Valley Area Council.

f) National Public Service Week – Action?

5. Sister Tina reported that USGE 20091 is holding an Information day on June 4th and will provide a large cake decorated with the "We are ALL affected" logo. She also confirmed that USGE 20091 Executives will be boycotting all activities and will encourage other members to do the same.
6. There may be a focused or targeted action on June 19th. More information will be coming.

a) Treasury Board Talks Around BC – May/June

ACTION: Brother Melvin will forward site suggestions for our area.

b) Encouraging Participation with FVAC meetings and events

- Suggestion to start recruiting other locals to join FVAC by contacting them one on one for an informal discussion about joining.

ACTION: Brother Melvin will obtain a list of contact information for all Local Executives.

7. Round Table – nothing raised.

Motion to adjourn meeting by – Sister Sue Wilmshurst

Second by – Sister Karen Sutton

CARRIED

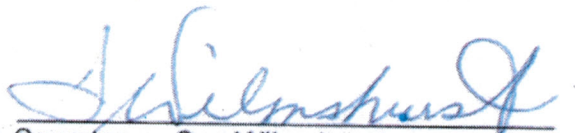
Meeting adjourned 1731

Original signed by Melvin Dureen

Original signed by Sue Wilmshurst



President – Melvin Dureen



Secretary – Sue Wilmshurst

2014-06-02

Date

2014-05-27

Date

