

# VICTORIA AREA COUNCIL

## GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2016

PSAC REGIONAL OFFICE

210-1497 ADMIRALS ROAD

Guests: Kim Manton - United Way; Robin Tosizak - Victoria Labour Council

Staff: Dave Jackson

Members Present:

1. Marcelo Lazaro - UNDE 21016
2. Colleen Girard - UNDE 21008
3. Kuldeep Deol - GSU 20001
4. Belinda Edwards - UNDE 21010
5. Ernest Hooker - UCTE 20220
6. Ken Waldron - UNDE 21013
7. Jim Sidel - DCL 20500
8. Trish Martin - CEIU 20975
9. Brad Klein - UNDE 21016
10. Sandra Gallup - UNDE 21008
11. T. Mark Miller - UNDE VP/BC
12. Julie Bussiere - CEIU 20975

**1. Meeting called to order at 5:30**

**2. United Way** (Victoria District Labour) Robin and Kim speaking

The VDL meets once a month and affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress.

They do things such as, picket line support or events as requested.

At their meetings they have reports from their various affiliated members.

They support campaigns and endorse political Candidates.

Also organize municipal mixers, for example, and various government employees in the city.

Such as asbestos in buildings, the city can raise it to the Federal Government.

They also have a close relationship with the United Way and support poverty projects and advocates in the city for none unionized workers such as, retail workers

And TAPS supports unions and shows the value of them.

Also supports events such as, Labour Day, IWD, Pride Parade and will help organize as well.

The Area Council is considering joining them and Marcel asked a question about the fees involved with joining. Ken stated the problem with Area Council there is no set # number of members.

One position on their Exec is available.

Kim spoke about the United Way, they have 46 Labour staff across the country and affiliated with unions.

They received \$390, 000 from DND and \$347, 000 from the other Federal Depts. in South Vancouver Island.

The United Way can be a way to connect the union back to the members.

Kim had questions directed to the Area Council such as,

- 1) What's been your union's involvement with the United Way, and with the union and management working together?

Jim Sidel proposed a motion to pass the previous meeting's minutes and Kuldip seconded them, all were in favour.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Three statements were passed around.

Marcel asked about the PSAC monies, Ken explained, that the PSAC has monies for affiliations such as the Victoria Labour Council.

Financial Statement motioned to be accepted by Ken and seconded by Colin and financial statement for February 2016, motion to accept by Ken and seconded by Colin.

Ken.W. motioned to accept proposed financial statement for Feb 16, and motion to accept by Ken.W

Motion accepted and consensus reached.

### **From Colleen an updated report from our planned activities for the year.**

The May Day Parade- a truck and trailer has a deposit on it and the registration application has been sent, the rules are that it needs to be decorated with 85% of its surface, and we can give out candy, more on water tattoos, and a poster, soon.

**The softball event during the NPSW**, some components are small and have a hard time getting a team, so a cross component team possible, charge per members, HRRC, RWC and Youth Committee to be involved, cooks picked, checking into the cook top \$185 to rent it.

**Camping event to Scott's Falls in weekend of August 19 in Cowichan**, tenting only, covered area to eat, RVs okay but no hook-up, events for families, the Idea from camping from the AC summit, picnic callout.

**Saanich Fair and Labour Day to be discussed in the next meetings**

### **4. VAC to report on the summit**

Lobbying took a big part of the meeting and VAC doesn't have a say on campaigns. To lobby Vancouver Island MPs. Next MP to be lobbied Elizabeth May, previously Randall Garrison.

**5.Meeting with VAC Executive Committee**, regarding unfinished business with finances, to be scheduled possibly on March 17.

**6.BC Regional Convention** in May/June 2017 to start working on resolutions such as Pay Comp for union business on LWOP.

**7.Round table, no issues**

**8.Adjourned 7:20 PM**