

PSAC North East Area Council

General Meeting

September 29, 2016, HEU Hall in Prince George

Present:

Parveen Deepak (UTE 20002), Ron Hardy (USGE 20011), Val Stewart (UTE 20002), Tracy Arrowsmith (UTE 20002), Ceoral Hayes (USGE 20070), Sharon Bull (USGEU 20007)

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

May Day Celebration: Ron discussed that many of the unions involved in this went on to become involved in the planning, attendance and celebration on Labour Day 2016: Labour Day Celebration. Ron attended a number of organizing committee meetings from May through to the actual Labour Day Celebration date: September 05, 2016.

Labour Day Celebration: Ron discussed the day's events. Ron, Tracy and Val attended the day. BC PSAC Vice-President Bob Jackson attended; driving up from Vancouver. The Celebration was well attended by unions and by Prince George citizens. There was estimated to be over 2000 people who attended. The local NEAC supported the event with info, balloons, and kids toys for booth attendees. The local REAPS (Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society) organization supported the NEAC PSAC booth with tables and two canopies (to keep the weather off booth staff).

BC PSAC Tri-ennial Convention: Ron and Parveen relayed the importance of getting all NEAC minutes and financial statements into Ron to ensure that the NEAC has the ability to have a delegate at the next convention in 2017. It is unlikely that Parveen will be available to be a delegate for that meeting given her other commitments. She has been to the last three. Bob Jackson's position is up for election this coming year. Discussion about the purpose and timing of the convention.

PSAC Local Women's Committee member Val Stewart showed meeting attendees a Comfort Kit (hat, scarf, mittens, toiletries, water bottle) that are being created for both low income men and women in the Prince George community. A discussion took place as to how the NEAC could support and contact other local unions in this endeavor. Val will be approaching the local labour councils for support. There are a number of local social service agencies (Seniors Society, Elizabeth Fry Society, home-less shelters, Phoenix Society, etc), that are to be the dispensers of these kits; once the kits are created in larger numbers.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy advised that the current bank account balance is \$865.43 Apart from one cheque, there have been no disbursements since May 2016. There is currently \$140.70 in equity shares in a second account. Tracy will look into the substance of this account and whether any of those funds can be transferred into the general account for usability. It was discussed that

any monies transferred, if possible, would have to go to a Special or Annual General Meeting for voting.

BC PSAC Regional Women's Committee Meeting Overview: Tracy, Ceoral and Sharon shared their experiences on conferences that they have attended; either recently or in the last few years.

Questions and Answers: The meeting was opened up for general questions and answers as a way to promote further education of all attendees.

Parveen left at 6:16pm due to prior commitments.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26pm

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 08, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Hospital Employee Union office. Ron to arrange and advise all on email list.