

## **PSAC BC Mainland Human Rights Committee Meeting**

**Date:** April 21, 2020

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Present:** Celine Ahodekon, Ruby Langan, Lea Serron, Tracey Brussard, Anne Choy

**Regret:** Shirley Torres, Stephen Torng

**Staff:** Patty Ducharme

**Call to Order** by Ruby Langan at 7pm with acknowledgement of the First Nations traditional territories.

M/S Lea Serron/Tracey Brussard to approve the agenda - Carried

M/S Celine/Tracey to approve February 4, 2020 meeting report -Carried

**Financial Report:** Treasurer reported that March statement shows \$927.32 in the bank account. She is not sure if all the payable accounts have been carried out so she can establish a budget for the committee's activities. M/S Tracey/Celine to approve the financial report as presented - Carried

### **Report of Activities of Executive:**

- a. *Ruby* participated in CLC zoom meeting and PSAC webinar on workplace safe, signed petitions to be sent to banks –She also encouraged members to take advantage of all the Online learning organized by different organizations due to COVID 19.
- b. *Celine*, successfully planned and organized Black History Month celebration in Abbotsford, attended PSC webinar on Workplace Safety, attended PSAC racially visible conference on February 28-March 1, 2020 in Vancouver. She also attended Legacy Dinner organized by Black Congress on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, wrote article on Equality Day in Canada April 17, 2020) and attended BC/Yukon Regional Seminar and lead a workshop on Union 101.
- c. *Tracey* attended UNE's HR Conference in Ottawa, helped people out with taxes without taking anything, and promised to be on social media more to defend underdogs.
- d. *Lea* was on the organizing committee for PSAC BC Racialized Members Conference, participated on WFVAC meeting.

### **Covid 19 - Check in:**

*Ruby* just came from USA and is being self-isolated for 14 days – however, she will be going back again to bring her kids back to Canada.

*Tracey* is being very careful due to her health issues.

*Lea* is in self-isolation since March 12, 2020.

*Anne*, is working from home since march 18, 2020, same as Celine.

## **Planning of events**

The committee will

- Support PSAC BC Women Committee meetings to reach the quorum.
- Write articles on HR issues: Celine will send out the list of the events
- Watch out for the new face of hatred due to Covid 19.

Lea is looking into organizing an online celebration with all BC Region members. Will keep members posted.

Ruby shared an **Online Teach-in** sent by Jill MacNeill:

"Finding Common Ground: community self-determination in the face of resource extraction in Guatemala and Canada". On April 22 from 1-2:30pm PST / 4-5:30pm EST.

**Anne** suggested a PPE to be made by our committee with PSAC logo. **Action:** Patty will contact Sharon about making masks.

## **New business:**

M/S Tracey/Ruby to pay 25 membership fees to Vancouver Area Council - To affiliate our committee to VAC. - Carried

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 14 @5:30pm

**Round table:** Be safe everyone.

**Adjournment** at 8:30pm