

## Mainland Haida Gwaii Young Workers Committee

Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2019

**Members in Attendance:** Val, Damir, Maggie, Kevin, Steph, Michael, Alya, Jessica, Faina, Sky, Deanna (PSAC Staff), Neal Adolph (United Way – guest)

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm.

### **1. Introductions**

### **2. Approval of January 21 AGM Minutes**

#### **Motion to approve January 21, 2019 AGM Minutes**

Moved By: Jessica

Seconded by: Michael

Motion Passed

### **3. Acknowledgement of Territory**

### **4. Old Business**

#### United Way Volunteer Group Event

- Neal from United Way was in attendance and provided updates on the Period Promise campaign
- Period Promise is around half way done. The collection period end April 4. April 5, 6, and 7 will be for counting and sorting product.
- Product collection can still happen at any time as there is always a need for more feminine hygiene products. 60 organizations responded indicating a need for product.
- Tampon Tuesday is being taken to workplaces to collect product.
- On track to beat the number of products collected last year.
- **April 4** - Celebration Event

- 4:30pm-6:30pm - United Way Office - 4543 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC
- **April 5** - Volunteer opportunity for PSAC Young Workers to organize product
  - 6:00pm-9:00pm - United Way Office - 4543 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC
  - There will be a short training and food provided
- There is a Period Promise Facebook group. The group is closed but if you request to join you will be added.
- Working on policy work to make feminine products available in schools.

### Spring Social

- The group discussed some potential Spring social ideas including camping, kayaking, escape room, paddle boarding, a sports game, dragon boats, laser tag, and a BBQ.
- Decided to do a Spring event in May, organize a softball team for the Summer, and do another event in the Fall/Winter.
- Spring Social - Deer Lake Park - **May 25**
  - The committee will organize a BBQ/Picnic at Deer Lake Park on May 25. This may include kayak or paddle board rentals.
  - Damir will make a poster for the event.
  - **Motion to proceed with planning the Spring social using the appropriate budget line item.**
    - Moved By: Damir
    - Seconded By: Faina
    - Motion Passed
- Young Workers Softball Team - July 12
  - The MHGYWC will put together a team for the PSAC Softball Tournament fundraiser on July 12.
  - The cost for entry is roughly \$5/player
  - **Motion to pay for the tournament entry fee using the appropriate budget line item.**
    - Moved By: Damir
    - Seconded By: Skye
    - Motion Passed

### Confirming Email Outreach Logistics

- Val and Damir will reach out to Kala from the Island Young Workers Committee regarding the use of BCYoungWorkers for an email handle to use for committee communications. Alternate handle ideas included YoungWorkersBCM and YoungWorkersMHG.
  - Motion to create an email handle for the committee.
    - Moved By: Damir
    - Seconded By: Skye
    - Motion Passed

### Posters and Promotional Materials

- Damir experimented with the CANVA platform to create a poster.
- The committee will run a contest to design a new promotional poster for the Mainland Haida Gwaii Young Workers Committee.
  - Damir will draft up an email outlining the key elements to include in the poster, rules, prize, and deadline.
  - Skye is donating an emergency backpack to use as the prize.
  - Deadline for poster submissions will be **April 30** and the winner will be announced at the next meeting (May 13).
  - **Motion to run a contest to design a new committee promotional poster.**
    - Moved By: Damir
    - Seconded By: Michael
    - Motion Passed

### MHGYWC WhatsApp Group

- All members in the WhatsApp group will now be group admins so everyone can add new members.
- Add Young Workers to the WhatsApp group as the committee will be using this as a supplemental communication method to email.

### Encourage Local to Make a Young Worker Position in your AGM

- AGM season is over for now but keep this in mind for your next AGM and continue to look for ways to engage Young Workers in your local.

### Provide Young Worker Position Description to Components

- Connect with Regional Vice Presidents, local presidents, and Area Councils to provide a job description for Young Worker positions to facilitate the creation of these positions. Email the MHGYWC for a copy of a job description.

## **5. New Business**

### Camp Jubilee

- No word on a date for Camp Jubilee yet, no notice has gone out for this year. Will keep an eye out for updates.

### Summer Social Event

- Combine the Summer event with the Spring event and do a Fall/Winter event instead,
- Fall event idea: Pumpkin carving or pumpkin patch.
- Will try to put together a softball team instead of a Summer event.

### Connecting with Ymagin

- Ymagin asked what a partnership with the MHGYWC would look like in supporting the Period Promise campaign. Campaign is almost complete so would be better for Ymagin to work directly with the United Way on this campaign if interested.

## **6. Round Table**

### Audit Updates - Kevin

- If possible, avoid signing cheques that are going to yourself. There are two signatures on all cheques but the optics are bad.
- When writing cheques for a charitable donation write the cheque directly to the organization; not to an individual making a donation on behalf of the committee as an individual could claim a tax credit.

### Car Pool to Period Promise Volunteering - Michael

- Would like to organize a carpool or transit as a group from Harbour Centre for the April 5 volunteer event.

### Plantgating (Flyering) - Sky

- Bargaining and Phoenix Membership Mixer on April 4, 3:30-6:00 at 602 Dunsmuir St. in Vancouver. Ask any questions you may have, support those that are plantgating, and meet other members of your union.

### **7. Next Meetings**

- May 13 - 6:00pm
- September 16 - 6:00pm
- November 25 - 6:00pm

### **8. Group Photo - Supporting our Bargaining Team**

### **9. Adjournment**

- **Motion to adjourn meeting.**
  - Moved By: Val
  - Seconded By: Sky
  - Motion Passed
- Meeting adjourned 7:47pm.