

The North East BC Area Council Meeting

In Attendance: Val Stewart, Leanna Chiasson, Sharon Bull, Tracy Arrowsmith, Parveen Deepak, Pete Charlie, Fortune Peranio, Jason Laurie, Marilyn Schmaus, Marc Belanger

Regrets: Kim Koch, Ben Scarff

November 12th, 2014 5:30pm. BCGEU Hall.

Opening Remarks and meeting called to order at 5:30

Parveen welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this meeting would be rather short One dealing with other agenda items and allowing a little more time for the Labour endorsed Candidates a chance to fully explain their platforms.

Discussions:

- The 12th Chili Blanket Event hosted by the Northern Women's Forum to take place on Saturday December 06, 2014 in front of the Prince George Courthouse at noon. This is a Rally protesting poverty and violence against women and in recognition of Dec 06. Chili, buns and hot chocolate will be served. DONATIONS OF BLANKETS AND WINTER WEAR would be much appreciated. Bring to them to the event. The Northern Women's Forum would like to Thank this Year's Sponsors: The Status of Women FACNC, the BCGEU, and The PSAC Social Justice Board and The North Central Labour Council
- December 6th National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Violence
- Parveen had received the kit from the Regional Office in regards to info session and was set up on a table for members to view and to pick up so that they would be familiar prior to Saturday. Reminder: info session on Public Cuts taking place at Books and Company on November 15th from 10am to 2pm. Sharon will be in charge of staying throughout the day and everyone was urged to sign up for just one hour slots to hand out information.
10am: Tracy Arrowsmith, Val Stewart
11am: Jason Laurie and Parveen
12noon: Marc Belanger and Leanna Chiasson
1pm: Marilyn Schmaus and Collette Green

Financial Motions:

1. Request for \$50 Dollar Donation for blankets for the Chili Blanket Event

Moved by: Parveen _____ Seconded: Sharon Bull _____

Parveen to purchase the blankets and donate them on the Chili Blanket

- Guest Speakers: Candidates that were endorsed by the North Central Labour Council
 - Terri McConnachie (running for council); brought up in P.G. and would like to really present ideas from the community to the council. Interested in improving where we live in this community (community connection)
 - Lyn Hall (running for Mayor) Platform on how to reconnect the community with the mayor and council. Working with direct connections through councillors and not dictating
 - Frank Everitt (running for again council). Frank spoke about the huge learning curve and how it was really difficult to work with a mayor who was rather insensitive to what the community wanted and how she was treating the civil servants. Did have an opportunity to reverse some of the decisions made as a council if there was huge opposition (such as reversing the parking permit hikes).

The members had an opportunity to ask questions of the all candidates.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm