

NERWC Meeting Minutes for June 9,2020 - via teleconference

Place: via home at 5pm

In attendance: Monica Urrutia (Regional Rep, PSAC Vancouver Regional Office), Pat (UTE 20002), Tracy (UTE 20002), Joyce (Treasurer and UTE 20002), Sherel (Chair and UTE 20002), Coral (UHEW 20147)

Regrets: Sandra (CEIU 20921), Jill (UHEW 20147), Myrna (UTE 20002), Marina (UTE 20002), Tiffany (UTE 20002), Parveen (UTE 20002)

Meeting called to order @ 5:03pm

1) Motion to accept Agenda - accepted by Pat Cummins and seconded by Joyce Lawson - carried

2) Motion to accept review of 2019 AGM meeting minutes by Tracy Arrowsmith, seconded by Pat Cummins to include union local numbers - carried

3) Update of bank balance

- Bank balance as of May 11, 2020 \$388.89
- \$50 chq outstanding which was issued to Myrna Colley
- \$75 owed to Sherel
- \$2000 from PSAC not included in bal (Tracy to deposit to account by Friday) *done

Committee discussed and confirmed that during their March AGM the Financials for 2019 and the Budget for 2020 were approved by two separate motions, each were moved and seconded by Joyce and Pat.

4) Elections

**Secretary - nomination for Parveen Deepak by Tracy Arrowsmith and seconded by Pat C
*Parveen had indicated in writing prior to the meeting that she would be willing to stand for the position if nominated.**

5) Upcoming Events and participation

A) Labour Day Event - nothing posted as of yet, due to COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing rules is this going to happen this year

B) Junk in the Trunk - May 2, 2020 event was cancelled due to pandemic. October 3, 2020 is next event. Committee to wait and see what happens with this event. Keep open the possibility of participation in this event. The weather does get a bit colder during this time of year.

C) Care Kits in December - probably are not going to include any gently used items. May have to create fewer kits due to not as much fund-raising abilities this year. Donations will be down from

office as well as no travel happening any time soon. Judy Clarke has rubber maid bin and will drop off to Sherel. Tracy has soaps and some items locked up in her office filing cabinet.

D) Donating to a local charity in conjunction with Area Council (Food bank donation)

6) Upcoming meetings for 2020 - Best day of the week seems to be Tuesdays.

Dates: Sept 8, Oct 13, Dec 6, 2020.

Venue: ***to continue via teleconference until social distance rules change

7) Tracy will use \$50 from NERWC to put together a nice gift basket for BC RWC (**this did not happen as BC RWC was cancelled due to pandemic and to be revisited)

8) Round Table -

Pat - working from home and is a CERB volunteer. Everything going well with the exception of waiting on her ERGO chair. She has an assessment in place and she will contact TL again, if no resolution may go Union route.

Tracy - She is also back to work from home however sometimes has to go to office. She has her ergonomic chair. Area Council meeting is upcoming in June. She will discuss the Food Bank donation and advise NERWC. She will advise if she hears anything in regards to the Labour Day Event.

Coral - works from home with 2 young children with special needs and very little support. She is a single mother and is finding it challenging working from home however she can't work from office either as her children are young. She has all equipment at home.

Sherel - works from home and picked up equipment beginning of May due to family emergencies and dealing with that was extremely challenging during the pandemic due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. Along with dealing with the pandemic and everything associated with this, the Black Lives Matter issues, protests are very much on everyone's mind. Brings home how people of any minority group deal with racism in some form or other in their lives whether it is subtle or blatant. Eye opening to see that our younger generation is willing to speak up in regards to their individual experiences. (Tyrell Laing - son of Vanessa Laing UTE 20002 member)

Joyce - works on CEWS from home. Everything going ok. Finds the BlackLivesMatter movement saddening and disheartening as it is the 21st Century and racism has not changed.

Monica - BlackLivesMatter movement is very important, current and it is time for action. There is an upcoming Webinar for Racism and time for change. There is an event on Saturdays called Solidarity Saturdays for ladies. You can attend via online or teleconference.

***meeting adjourned 6:13pm

***Note Jamey Mills may be joining our next meeting in Sept