

NRWC PSAC Meeting- Oct 1/15

Hospital Employees Union

3rd Ave Prince George BC 5:15PM Sharp

Attendance:

Val Stewart, Chair
Marilyn Schmaus, Secretary
Parveen Deepak
Kim Koch - regrets
Sharon Bull - regrets
Leanna Chaisson - regrets

Tracy Arrowsmith, Treasurer
Collette Green
Fortune Peranio - regrets
Lonnie Campbell - regrets

Guest: Dianna Kimball, PSAC Representative from Vancouver

Preamble: Welcome to Dianna Kimball who made an exerted effort to come to Prince George to provide us direction and training today. She brought pamphlets and pins for the Prince George area members.

She will be going over the training for the Member to Member campaign that will be taking place up to the Oct 19/15 voting day.

Call to order: 5:15PM

Financial report:

No cheques or deposits have gone thru the accounts the meeting of Sep 22/15.
The balance remains \$1824.21 on Oct 1/15.

Old Business:

Patrick confirmed there was nothing at the Vancouver office for T shirts and to get some ready & have them sent to us may cost as much as \$28-\$30 each. Also it would take at least a month to get them printed. Val asked him to see what he could supply for art work to use for the printing on the back & front. The print design was provided by Patrick. Single color is less expensive so blue is being used. Back will have mountains w/logo & the words Regional Women's Committee. The front will have NRWC w/logo. Val searched for T's at Michaels, Wal-Mart, SuperStore, Sears, & the Bay. Wal-Mart had the least expensive & most sizes had v necks except for the XXL which are round necked. Prior checks were done on printing costs at 4 places. The most economical printer was Up the Creek Garment Co Corp.

The T's have been purchased & are being printed now by Up The Creek Garment Co Corp.

Total T shirt & Print Cost: \$354.81 or \$14.20 ea. (Printing \$236.25, T's \$118.56) Tote \$10.63 --The tote is for carrying T's, other papers & supplies for meetings & events etc. - Print is blue Front PSAC Local & NRWC above on one side. The tote was approved by the members at this meeting. It is a strong one that will last.

Val continues to work on getting everything up to date.

New business:

Val has prepared & printed various sized fliers saying: 'Get out and Vote Oct 19/15' 'Are you registered to vote Oct 19/15' 'Vote Oct 19/15' Etc. Val bought a \$25 Staples copy card to do the copying with. There is still a credit on the Staples card. Val gave vote posters & hand outs to Marilyn to give out at the Service Canada work place. Dianna provided other pamphlets, pins etc. Marilyn also took some of these for work also. Val will be giving these out at a plant gate/as possible depending on management approval. Any remaining copies will be given out to the public at the 'Junk in The Truck' event (PSAC logo removed) on Saturday at CNC parking lot. The hope is to get people registered & out to vote for a labour friendly party. Val asked for the contact names & numbers for each union leader under the PSAC umbrella in the Prince George area. Printing costs \$15.39.

Deanna went over the following:

Grievance Handling Oct 3/15: This training is in two days. Deanna asked - 'is anybody interested'?

Union Development Program (year long) deadline Oct 16

Advanced Representation Training for Stewards Oct 23/15 for Union representatives: - Stewards with some experience who want to improve & practice representation skills.

Advanced duty to accommodate Dec 4/15 for Union representatives: - accommodating members with disabilities.

Alliance Facilitator Training Jan 15/16 -learn to facilitate workshops/ lunch-&-learns for your local. Gain skills to host discussions after your AGM. Parveen has indicated a desire to do this and will look into it.

She mentioned upcoming PSAC conventions in 2016-17.

End Violence against Women Candlelight Vigil Sponsored by Vic PSAC VRWC at Holland Park Dec 6 (National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence against

Women in Canada) & the anniversary of the murder of 14 women at the École Polytechnique in QC

International Women's Day March 7, 2015 - Celebrating sisters defending rights of all women - PSAC has led the path for women's equality & human rights for 35 years. PSAC celebrates members & victories won for women on International Women's Day.

Sisters in Spirit Vigils-BC Wide was also mentioned to look into.

Vote Child Care 2015 Campaign -Activists, advocates, parents, ECEs & community members across Canada see child care & family a key election issue. Momentum needs to building is to make child care an election goal & take action to ensure the federal government delivers affordable universal, quality child care for all Canadian families. Check out Youtube "PSAC" Women Program &Childcare link, BC Childcare advocates website

Also to look into Vote to stop cuts video. Suggested ideas to move forward on voting campaign: Pledge to Vote, Rock the Vote, Help to get people registered, provide rides. Go into PSAC and read up-be sure to know & understand the issues.

Stand up for the North May 1/15 (May Day diner & celebration).

PSAC Member to Member Election Canvas:

Val & Parveen contacted Vancouver to have someone come to teach us this. Deanna is here to give this training overview on the Canvass Workbook. She provided training booklets & additional information. She gave an hour discussion on member to member vote contact. Then she went over the booklets provided & we practiced the scenarios. Basically we are trying to induce everyone to get out & vote. Members need get in contact with all the area members to induce them to get out and vote for a labour friendly party on Oct 19/15. Members: Cariboo area 132, PG Area 330, PG Peace River Rockies area 198.

She gave an hour discussion on member to member vote contact. Deanna provided training booklets & additional information. We then went over the booklets provided and practiced using some of the scenarios. Basically we are trying to induce everyone to get out and vote. This is for members to see/get in touch with the area members –induce them to get out and vote for a labour

friendly party on Oct 19/15. People can ask questions at WWW.vote to stop the cuts.ca. The Elections Canada site has all key the voting information for all areas & people can register there.

Do we have I am Voting Signs? Pins? Deanna took a lot of vote information, pins and pamphlets to be distributed at her workplace.

Ask a question but be true to yourself, send a letter to our candidate in power. Radio ads vote to stop the cuts! adopt and view these ads, share thru social media I was suggested we can share thru social media the get out and vote message. Do not identify as a federal employee. Share ads & info found/received.

We are going to organize for a phone campaign. We will inform coworkers to get out and vote for a labour friendly party. Parveen asked for a contact list & is to call Patrick for it. She will also ask about using land lines at HEU/ to find another place to make the calls. Marilyn, Tracy, Val & Parveen will be doing the calls.

All Candidates will be at CNC 7pm Oct 7th in the big foyer. There is another one at the

Native Friendship Centre 7pm Oct 13 (a sign on door will give the room).

Send all photo's to Patrick Bragg

Deanna suggested we need to communicate various ways so that in the future there will be more of members in attendance.

The contact person is Val. She will keep everyone informed.

Meeting Adjourned: approximately 8PM

Marilyn Schmaus, Secretary provided the minutes.

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