

# **PSAC Mainland and Haida Gwaii Young Workers' Committee**

## **Minutes of the General Meeting**

**Thursday September 6, 2018**

**18:30 PDT**

**Held at PSAC BC Regional Office, 302 – 5238 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC**

**Members in Attendance:** Sky Belt (PSAC Metro Vancouver Coordinator), Maggie Humen, Valeria Villalobos, Damir Moric (President), Jessica Gray (Vice President), Michael Wong, Kevin Au (Secretary), Deanna Kimball (PSAC Regional Rep – Young Workers),

**Regrets:** Chelsea Cameron (Treasurer)

### **Order of Business:**

- I. Introductions and review of minutes from the previous meeting
- II. Old Business
  - a. Community Outreach Event Rescheduling
  - b. Connecting with employer-based Young Worker Committees
  - c. Posters & promotional materials for the MHGYWC
  - d. Encouragement of participation in committee meetings and upcoming summit
  - e. Encouragement of creation of Young Worker Rep positions at locals without them
  - f. Continued networking efforts to individual Young Worker Reps and component level Young Worker Committees
  - g. Donations
- III. New Business
  - a. 2018 Young Worker School at Camp Jubilee
  - b. Soaring to Success Initiative
  - c. 2018 PSAC BC Young Worker's Summit
  - d. Education in Action – 2019 Guatemala Trip
  - e. Communications – Whatsapp Group
  - f. Social fund top-up
- IV. Roundtable/ News
- V. Next Meeting

## **Call to Order**

Quorum being met, the meeting was called to order at 18:25 by Damir.

### **I. Introductions and review of minutes from the previous meeting**

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Damir

Seconded by Jessica

Motion carried (unanimously)

### **II. Old Business**

- a) Community Outreach Event Rescheduling
  - A new community outreach event will be scheduled - TBD
- b) Connecting with employer-based Young Worker Committees
  - i) Governexx seems to have the strongest presence online and a copy of the PSAC Young Workers' Summit application has been posted on its GConnex page
  - ii) YMAGIN (Service Canada sub-component of Governexx) – the regional representative is based at Harbour Centre – reach out to them to see what events / activities they may have and coordinate. It was noted that notwithstanding their presence at Harbour Centre that they have yet to participate at any Harbour Centre site events since their appointment earlier in the year
  - iii) Young Professionals' Network (CRA) – we do not currently have any representation from the CRA at this committee, but perhaps we can reach out through our networks to someone there to connect
- c) Posters & promotional materials for the MHGYWC – to be created by Patrick
- d) All committee members are encouraged to reach out to all Locals' Young Worker Reps to encourage them to apply to attend the committee meetings and the summit
- e) All committee members are encouraged, if their local does not have a Young Worker Rep position with their local, to request at their next AGM to have the position created
- f) Follow up on Deanna's networking efforts to connect with union components under PSAC to reach out to individual Young Worker reps and component level Young Worker Committees
- g) Call out for suggestions for an donation this year (in addition to the money given to the Soaring for Success campaign)
  - A suggested project was providing supplies and time to assist with fixing playgrounds
  - Maggie suggested that the committee consider something for Northern B.C.

Motion to approve \$150 in donations to each of United Way of the Lower Mainland and United Way of Northern British Columbia (\$300 total) moved by Jessica

#### **IV. New Business**

a) 2018 Young Worker School at Camp Jubilee

Registration has closed and the event is on the following weekend. If anyone is or knows anyone attending, we would appreciate a report.

b) Soaring to Success Initiative

Chelsea provided an update (via messaging) that \$1305 in total was raised for this initiative and that there was lots of support from our sisters, brothers and friends. This was indeed a great success!

c) 2018 PSAC BC Young Worker's Summit

Applications are now available – members encouraged to post hard copy applications on union boards. Application deadline is September 28<sup>th</sup>.

d) Education in Action – 2019 Guatemala Trip

As with past years there is an opportunity for a volunteer / learning trip to Guatemala with funding available for Young Workers through the PSAC Social Justice Fund. It's an opportunity to see and support grassroots efforts. Our sister Kelly Megasi, who co-chairs the regional Women's Committee, was a recent attendee who gave a presentation on her recent trip.

Applications are available and are due by October 31, 2018.

The exact timing of the trip has not yet been established but will likely be in February – March 2018.

Of note, one can also participate by self-funding as well.

e) Communications – Whatsapp Group

It was agreed that for now we would use email as the official communication channel and continue / maintain the Whatsap group as a secondary channel.

f) Social fund top-up

Social fund top up moved by Sky  
Seconded by Val

**V. Roundtable / News**

Sky noted that per recent legislative changes, that unions can no longer donate to political causes, and so there's a move to do smaller events. Sky noted that the Burnaby North MLA has an event on 9/29.

Val noted that the Burnaby Public Library has a speaker presentation on the election reform referendum at its Metrotown location on the evening of 10/22.

There is an upcoming Women's Work in Unions conference in Nanaimo.

**V. Next Meeting**

Motion to set the next meeting time/date as December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:00 PM, to be done in conjunction with a movie night and canned food drive moved by Damir

Seconded by Val

**Adjournment**

There being no new business, motion to adjourn moved by Damir

Seconded by Sky

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 19:27