

PSAC Mainland and Haida Gwaii Young Workers' Committee

Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday December 5, 2018

18:30 PDT

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

Members in Attendance: Chelsea Cameron (Treasurer, via teleconference), Sky Belt (PSAC Metro Vancouver Coordinator, via teleconference), Johan LeBeau-Ford (via teleconference), Damir Moric (President), Kevin Au (Secretary), Maggie Humen, Valeria Villalobos, Jessica Gray (Vice President), Michael Wong, Gonee Saini , Vic Johal (PSAC Regional Rep)

Regrets: -

Guests: Neal Adolph (United Way – Director, Canadian Labour Congress Labour Participation Department), Curtis Martin (Vancouver Island Young Worker's Committee, via teleconference)

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 18:36 by Damir.

I. Introductions and review of minutes from the previous meeting

In today's meeting we had the privilege of two guests – Neal Adolph from the United Way and Curtis from the Vancouver Island Young Worker's Committee.

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Damir

Seconded by Jessica

Motion carried unanimously

II. Old Business

- a) Community Outreach Event Rescheduling
- Neal and Sky have liaised over the past several months about potential events that the Committee would participate in.
 - It was noted that weekends are preferred, and that two possibilities in general are library tents at festivals and events, where one would read a story to children then distribute books free of charge, and also after-school programs.
 - Something that is coming up soon is the BC Federation of Labour's annual Christmas dinner, which takes place in two locations – in Vancouver and in Surrey. The events are well attended and take place on Christmas Eve afternoon/evening. Besides helpers for the dinners themselves, volunteers are also sought for the several preceding days to help with sorting donations and putting together hampers to be distributed.
 - Neal also discussed their Tampon Tuesday project, which has since been renamed Period Promise – this project started as one where they would raise donations of hygiene products for distribution to places that distribute them to those in need (e.g. YWCA), and that they have expanded beyond collection and distribution of products to go into advocacy on access. This project requires volunteers to assist with the collection of products from collection points, sorting and counting them, and then distributing them to community

organizations. Neal advised that the demand is very significant, that last year they delivered 12000 units to the YWCA alone, but that's the amount of product that they go through in just one month.

- Neal / United Way will be doing cross union engagement projects in the future – ETA is late 2019 / early 2020.

Motion for the Committee to participate in the 2019 Period Promise campaign

Moved by Damir

Seconded by Val

Motion carried unanimously

b) Posters & promotional materials for the MHGYWC

- Damir advised that he'd work on this
- Reminder that this committee's geographic coverage extends well beyond the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley

c) All committee members are encouraged to reach out to all Locals' Young Worker Reps to encourage them to apply to attend this committee's meetings

- Sky advised that a mention could be added to Patrick's monthly emails

d) 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

e) Connect with the VIYWC (Vancouver Island Young Worker's Committee) to establish a network of Young Worker Reps

- Sky advised that her component (Agriculture) has Young Worker committees in Eastern Canada, but not in Western Canada

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

IV. New Business

a) Soaring to Success Initiative

As indicated in the prior meeting, \$1305 was raised. As the school is able to purchase supplies at a discounted rate themselves, since the last meeting, we have already forwarded the raised funds to them and wish them all the best.

b) Annual Donation

There was discussion with Neal Adolph of the United Way on how work can be done not just through fundraising and distribution of funds and/or goods, but also on collaboration, research, policy promotion and joint efforts to achieve social goals.

Some programs include the previously mentioned Period Promise campaign, but also student/youth mentors & after school programs, and working to minimize senior isolation.

It was noted when donating to the United Way that one can request the funds be directed to specific initiatives.

The Committee has previously moved to donate \$200 to each of the United Way of the Lower Mainland and United Way of Northern British Columbia, but the funds have not actually been made out yet.

Motion to confirm the previously agreed upon donations, with a note for them to be designated to youth initiatives

Moved by Damir

Seconded by Jessica

Motion carried unanimously

c) 2018 PSAC BC Young Worker's Summit

The followup has been deferred to the next meeting

V. Roundtable / News

Sky is missing a toque from the Summit – please kindly advise if you may have found it.

It was recommended that members assist with the BC Federation of Labour Christmas Dinners (Vancouver & Surrey) if they have the opportunity to.

V. Next Meeting

[No motion made]

Adjournment

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

Seconded by Val

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 19:43