



**PSAC Okanagan Human Rights
In-person/teleconference Meeting
November 2, 2019
Vernon, BC**

Present: Kelly Megyesi CEIU 20972 Ruy Romano AGR 20027
Maria-Luiza Romano AGR 20027

Teleconference: Lorelei Sterling UVAE 20035 Karen Sutton CIU 20045
Jeanne Olineck CEIU 20914 Carolyn McGillivray CIU 20045
Robert Strang (PSAC)

Regrets: Linda Woods UNE 20140 Nadia Sokal AGR 20043
Jenny Anderson CEIU 20914

Agenda approved as presented.

Review of previous minutes: All in order. m/LS s/CM – all in favour

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance September 1, 2019 1276.75. Minimal activity.
Two cheques cleared \$150.00 for Days for Girls and \$50 for Butterflies in spirit.
Closing balance as at October 31, 2019 1076.75

Motion to accept the treasurers report m/KM s/JO – all in favour

Update minutes to reflect email motions

Email **motion** - \$120.00 for Labour day cookies. m/KM s/KS – all in favour

Email **motion** - \$50.00 for Butterflies in spirit (CEIU) m/KM s/JO– all in favour

Missing **motion** - \$82.07 Jan meal reimbursement m/KM s/JO– all in favour

Elections

Robert conducted the elections for the Human Rights delegate seat for the BC

Results: Delegate Kelly Megyesi
Alternate Lorelei Sterling
Second alternate Karen Sutton

Projects

Immigrant Rubix – Kelly received a quote from Mohr in Vancouver. There is \$90 set-up fee and then the price is 7.95 (plus taxes and shipping). Logo designed described over the phone – see below.



Motion – 2.5 to 3 dozen rubix cubes – up to \$400 m/KM s/ML
- all in favour

Kelly will look after ordering and Maria-Luiza will develop the proposal. This was discussed at our last meeting but we will be interacting with kids new to Canada and using the game as the medium. Extras can be used for our spin the wheel prizes.

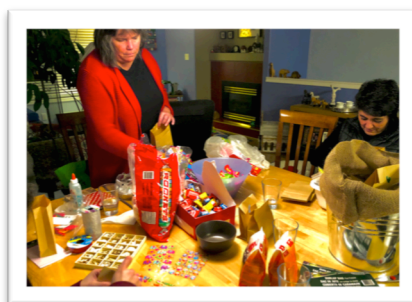
PSAC for the kids. Following the conference call part of the meeting, we will put together the 100 bags for children. (Kamloops, Penticton, Vernon, Kelowna).

Roundtable

- **Maria-Luiza** – She will be working/meeting with Nadia re quilt project
- **Jeanne** – congratulations to the committee for all of their hard work.
- **Robert** – looking forward to seeing us at the upcoming Kamloops training.
- **Kelly** – attended the Grassroots for Grassroots Organizing, 4-day course put on by RAMA Report attached.

Next Meeting: We will have our January meeting in Kelowna after area council and women's. It will be a lunch meeting and will be scheduled for noon at Spaghetti Factory on Hwy 97.

PSAC for Kids completed. Kelly will look after getting the out of town tins to committee members to distribute.



PSAC Sponsorship Grassroots K Megyesi

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the educational.....

It was a fairly large commitment of two consecutive weekends (Oct 2019) but I was glad that I was able to represent PSAC at the training.

The course was put on by RAMA (Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture). RAMA is a migrant justice collective that advocates for migrant farm workers in the unceded Syilx and Secwepemc territories of the Okanagan Valley. They work towards building radically inclusive and more socially just communities.

“Grassroots for Grassroots”

It was exceptional and the highlight for me was the Indigenous allyship training and the networking opportunity.

The program included Indigenous Allyship, Accountability within group structure, community agreements, internal Organizing and a building community section. The Art for Action was cancelled but will be rescheduled in the future and it will be great to connect at a later date. This type of intensive course built a tremendous network that I feel comfortable working with on future projects.

Special thank you to our PSAC rep Robert Strang for his encouragement to connect with this group.

I will be reporting out to the Okanagan councils and will definitely be utilizing a lot of the skills taught in future organizing.

I contributed a labour perspective and while there were other BCGEU members there, I felt that they have not been as active as PSAC activists. Strong bonds were formed and it was definitely a continuation of the building communities we started in our PSAC Okanagan group many years ago. I will not hesitate to recruit/engage participants in future labour events. In solidarity

