

**Victoria Regional Women's Committee
General Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014**

Attendance: Virginia Vaillancourt, Brenda Esplen, Jeannette Lum, Kay Ahmadi, Leanne Hughes, Kate Breckon.

Teleconference: Vanessa Miller, Connie Gress

Guest: Tammy Dickeson

Virginia Vaillancourt called the meeting to order at 5.50 PM.

Introductions

Round table introductions of the members in attendance.

Review of February 28, 2014 Minutes

A review of the previous meeting minutes took place at this time.

Motion: Jeannette Lum made the motion to accept the previous minutes.

Seconded: `

Carried: Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Brenda provided a summary for the committees' chequing and equity accounts. Jeannette and Leanne will audit our financial report, so it can be sent to the REVPs office.

Motion: Kay Ahmadi made the motion to accept the reports as presented.

Seconded: Jeannette Lum

Carried: Unanimously

NPSW Boycott/Taking part in the baseball

PSAC is boycotting NPSW this year and there is a baseball tournament on June 20, 2014 from 9am to 3pm that some people may know about or received the emails. Virginia will be there and she is hoping to see if any of the members will be attending. Vanessa states she is attending and Connie said she is willing to help out if needed. Tammy states she will also attend.

PSAC BC Convention Debrief

There was four members of this committee that attended. Virginia stated due to losing her binder, she does not have her notes. This was the 6th BC Regional Triennial Convention and 135 delegates, a number of guests and observers also attended. Bob Jackson was re-elected as our Regional Executive Vice President.

Virginia was in charge of the hosting and convention committees and in the host room which, there were Wii bowling and Pictionary and 15 people selling raffle tickets.

Some of the resolutions we put forward did get passed:

1. Definition of Young Worker which was put forward by 6 different committees - was passed and will now go to the National Triennial convention
2. Delegate Entitlement – the committee recommended non-concurrence and after lengthy discussions the motion was carried.
3. Regional Convention Subsidy – was passed
4. National Triennial Convention Delegate Entitlement – was passed
5. Loss of Salary re-imburement – was passed
6. Rescinding of dues associated with campaigns and conferences – was passed
7. AEC Renumeration - the committee recommended non-concurrence and after lengthy discussions the motion was carried.
8. Weekend Union Functions - the committee recommended non-concurrence and after lengthy discussions the motion was carried.

The resolutions that were recommended on-concurrence can be put forward to the National Triennial convention. Virginia advised the members that she ran as the BC Regional Women's Coordinator was acclaimed and her alternates are Kelly Sidhu and Angela Marafon. Vanessa was acclaimed the Young Worker Coordinator BC.

Kay said the most important message is, we need to get out there and get the members involved as the government is against federal employees and get other unions to support us. This was the first time all the resolutions that were put through were discussed and voted on.

Jamey Mills was elected Alternate REVP.

According to the financial reports there is a new honors and awards – Patt Holmes was the first recipient of this award.

Colleen Girard and Liz Oliphont were elected as the two South Vancouver Island Coordinators.

Leanne mentioned the meet and greet and host room were good and the convention went well. Virginia mentioned that the convention committee was the first group in BC, PSAC was first union to use unionized musicians for the meet and greet.

Pride – July 6, 2014

Virginia has been helping the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee (VIHRC) organize their pride event for this year and made them a check list to guide them as what they need to do and when things should be done. Virginia and another member will be purchasing the SWAG. The VIHRC is looking for a donation.

Based on our financial position we have about \$1600 in our bank account and we will need about \$3000 for the December 6th event, therefore Virginia is writing a business proposal to the REVP office, to see if we can get some additional funding from them and there is also our 2014

allotment. Virginia wanted to know how much we wanted to make a donation to VIHRC for their pride event.

Motion: Connie Grees made the motion we donate \$100 to the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee.

Seconded: Leanne Hughes

Carried: Unanimously

December 6th

Virginia advised the members the pamphlets are ready and the designer did a phenomenal job. These are first prints, the pamphlets do not state the times or the venue location as Virginia had not heard back from the city when she printed the pamphlets for the convention. As soon as she hears back from the City, the pamphlets will be reprinted with all the information. It seems this year the Christmas Tree Truck Light parade is on December 6th and the trucks will be going down Dallas Road which is where our event will be held. Virginia will speak to the coordinator of the truck rally to see what time/direction they head in to plan our event.

The City met as the archeology report came in and we are good to go with the venue location discussed with the City. April 10, 2014 was when the Governance and Priorities committee submitted their report and they passed it except there was one council person who was against the motion. The motion was forwarded to the Mayor and Council on April 24, 2014 where it was approved and signed off on it. Now the City is going to have their staff develop a memorial policy for future requests as one did not exist before our application was submitted.

Virginia said she will send some copies of our pamphlet to Sylvie Haviernick. Virginia contacted the Coalition for Gun Control who she has been working with since 2009 and they put her in touch with Sylvie. Virginia has been speaking with Sylvie via phone and emails for the past few months regarding the December 6th event. Sylvie has spoken to her brother who does a lot of travelling for work and he is going to come to Victoria for the December 6th event and will speak at the event as well. Virginia is putting forward a business proposal to the REVP office for them to cover his flight and hotel cost. Robyn Benson and Bob Jackson will be attending our event. The other people Virginia has spoken to: Bridges, Aboriginal groups, NDP representative, Victoria Transition house and the Victoria Sexual Assault Center. Virginia advised the members that through her contacts she was able to obtain a boulder for the monument which was donated by Peninsula Bulldozing.

We will need 14 people to hold the sign and lay the roses and 2 people to read the names out for the event. Members are asked to talk to their co-workers/family/friends to have them join us this year at this important commemoration.

RWC 25th Anniversary Event

November 7th, 2014 will be our 25th Anniversary and Virginia was looking for two volunteers to help organize the event - Connie and Vanessa volunteered. Connie and Vanessa will work together to plan the event for November 7th.

SIUW 2014

Summer Instituted for Union for Women (SIUW) will be held in Victoria June 8 – 13, 2014. Based on the activities you need to be there from 7am to 9pm and members need to register before June 6, 2014. There are a few places that members can look for funding: local, national component and PSAC BC. Virginia will be attending as the Women's representative.

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Child Care Campaign

This is something that has been worked on nationally. Virginia heard about this at the national equity conference and recently she got additional information about it. There was supposed to be a kitchen table top on Mother's day which Virginia could not attend. This does not stop us from organizing a kitchen table top event on child care in Victoria and get men to attend. There are 4 people on the campaign and Virginia was looking to see if anyone was interested on working on the campaign too. Vanessa stated the young workers will also get involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

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