

Mainland Human Rights Committee Meeting

Time: 5:30PM

Date: September 29, 2020

Location: Online

Present: Celine Ahodekon- UNE Local 20278, Shirley Torres- UNE local 20278, Ruby Langan - UNE Local 20150, Lea Serron - UTE local 20029, Todd Smith - AGR local 20044, Anne Choy- UVAE 20029, Kevin Au -CEIU Local 20937.

Guest: Susie Blyth - CEIU local 20964

Staff: Robert Strang

Call to Order at 5:33pm and acknowledgment of the lands by Ruby Langan

Opening, check in and introduction of participants

Approval of the amended agenda: M/S by Lea/Todd - carried

Approval of the previous meeting report: M/S by Shirley/Lea - carried

Financial Report: \$1727.52 in the account. M/S by Lea/Jennifer - carried

Activities Report:

Ruby wrote a letter in support of the Xinka people in Guatemala, attended webinars related to different equity groups, mainly Writing as Activism by Desmond Cole.

Celine attended webinars related to anti-black and Indigenous peoples.

Lea Serron attended lot of webinars as well. Also had contacted Patrick about the event planning. She also wrote a resolution on equity scholarship for submission.

Shirley Torres UNE's NVP/BC & Yukon reported on the UNE Conventions that were postponed because of the pandemic. Some more UNE committee meetings to discuss the concerns of the locals: Next NE meeting is scheduled for Oct 6-11/20. UNE Triennial Convention July 12-16/2021.

Robert attended a webinar on Orange T-shirt day Society – it was suggested that, in support of the society, MHRC buys some T-Shirts or their books from them.

New business: Lea shared a resolution she wrote about Equity Scholarship. M/S/Lea and Jennifer - carried. The resolution will be put on HR FB. It will be sent to other committees for other equity groups to promote its acceptance.

Update on planning session held on September 16, 2020. Nia is working on Trans Day of remembrance (November 20, 2020). Celine and Ruby will write an article on UN Day of Human Rights (December 10, 2020).

Round table: Everyone was happy about the resolution. Jennifer was at Metro Vancouver Alliance meeting and she is working on reconciliation.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2020 @ 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm