

**PSAC VICTORIA AREA COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2015
PSAC Victoria Regional Office**

Members Present:

Ken Waldron – UNDE 21013	Colleen Girard – UNDE 21008
Lance Jesson – UNDE 21016	Marcelo Lazaro – UNDE 21016
Julie Bussiere – CEIU 20941	Ian Gillies – CEIU 20975
Kuldeep Deol – GSU 20001	Elizabeth Oliphant – UEW 20076
Jim Sidel – DCL 20500	Patricia Martin – CEIU 20975
Josh Peterson – UNDE 21009	Nic Humphreys – UEW 20169
Wayne Little – UTE 20028	

Regrets

Jack Gale – GSU 20001	Scott Parker – UTE 20028
Leanne Hughes – CIU 20042	
Virginia Vaillancourt – UVAE 20030	
Astrid Stoker – CIU 20042	

PSAC Victoria RO Staff Present:

Dave Jackson – PSAC Rep

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to Order	Chairperson Sister Patricia Martin called the meeting to order at approximately 1737hr.	
2. Agenda	Motion to move Area Council Events before financial update and add by-law changes to the agenda. Motion to adopt agenda as per amendments M/S/C Sidel/Humphries	
3. Previous Minutes	Motion to accept AGM minutes from January 20, 2015 M/S/C Little/Girard.	
4. Area Council Events	Sister Martin opened the floor to suggestions/ideas for area council events in order to form an action plan. Brother Waldron suggested a booth at the Saanich fair – Labour Day weekend. Brother Humphries spoke of events through the Victoria Labour Council and suggested Apr.28 th Day of Mourning to take place at the Saanich Municipal Hall. The pride parade to take place July 5 th . Labour Day picnic. The United Way Kick Off on September 17 th . Sister Girard spoke of the 19 th of the month events as well as the possibility of organizing a summer picnic event through the regional council. Sister Bussiere asked about Canada Day and May Day events.	

	<p>Further discussion occurred. Sister Martin asked for volunteers to compile the list of events for the next meeting. Sister Deol and Sister Martin to work together to provide more stringent ideas at next meeting.</p> <p>Brother Waldrun indicated the budgeted amount for events is just over \$5000.</p>	<p>Sister Martin and Sister Deol to compile list of stringent ideas by next meeting.</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Balance in account is \$5148.28 as of March the 2nd. Spent \$80.83 for AGM refreshments on Jan.20th . \$270 CLC training in Nanaimo. \$65.08 for Sandwiches for meeting on March 3rd.</p> <p>Discussion on allocation of funds from the Regional office. More to follow at next meeting.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Treasurers report as given M/S/C Brother Humphries/Brother Sidel.</p>	
<p>6. By-Law Changes</p>	<p>First proposal is to change the 1 year term for the VAC Executive to 2 year terms [see handout, Section IV: Composition of Executive Committee]. The terms would run alternately (to avoid a complete change in the Executive each year), where the President & Secretary would be elected in alternate years to the Treasurer & Vice President. In order to achieve this, at the next AGM it would mean the VP & Treasurer would be elected for 1 year, and the President & Secretary for 2 years. Also, we need to delete in Section IV, “The term of office is normally 1 year from Annual General Meeting to Annual General Meeting.”</p> <p>Motion to accept M/S/C Brother Sidel/ Sister Deol</p> <p>The second proposal is regarding Finances [see handout, Section VIII: Finances]. On direction from the PSAC BC Regional Office, we need to delete Section VIII, Subsection 4, “The Victoria Regional Office staff may also have signing authority.” As per the request of the Credit Union, the name of the group has to say “PSAC” [not “PSAC Victoria Area Council”] because we get better interest rates by lumping the money together. However, to achieve this higher interest rate the names have to be exactly the same. As per Section VIII, Subsection (3), there has to be written approval from PSAC.</p> <p>Motion to accept deletion of Section VIII subsection 4 M/S/C Brother Waldrun/Brother Lazaro</p> <p>Motion to accept Section VIII subsection 3 M/S/C Brother Sidel/Brother Humphries</p> <p>Sister Stoker to draft letter to PSAC to get permission to use PSAC in name, making it Victoria Area Council – PSAC</p>	

7. April 19th	<p>Discussion on the April 19th event at Centennial Square. Would like to make larger scale event to involve all components. Event time 1-2pm. Sister Girard to contact City Hall to book Centennial Square. Sister Girard to contact Patrick Bragg for Poster.</p> <p>Speakers discussed – Brother Lazaro for the SV group. Invite to Sister Tracey Cochrane from the PA group.</p>	Sister Girard to book venue and arrange posters.
8. June 19th Baseball	<p>Topaz Park proposal sent by Brother Jackson. Deadline for team registrations/responses May 29th. Discussion on media and political guest involvement. Brother Humphries to look into invites to political parties. Discussion on guest speakers; Bob Jackson/ Bridgette DePappe. Brother Jesson to provide BBQ/cooktop.</p>	<p>Brother Humphries to invite political figures.</p> <p>Brother Jesson to supply BBQ Sister Girard to invite B. Depappe</p>
Rountable	<p>Brother Jesson – Encourages and stresses importance of 19th events. Must get more engagement from members.</p> <p>Brother Lazaro – Elections coming up, stresses importance of talking to members etc. to get out and vote. Spoke of bargaining units all working collectively. Pay study for SV's being brought up to bargaining table. Stresses that he is always available to do talks on behalf of the SV bargaining team.</p> <p>Inform members to read the website/become educated. Fighting to keep language in the collective agreements</p> <p>Sister Girard – March 19th bargaining solidarity BBQ for Healthy Workplaces in Esquimalt from 12-1pm. Randall Garrison and Murray Rankin to attend event. Contacts have been made to other unions including IBEW, PIPSC, Dockyard trades and labour. Brother Peterson to help with shopping and cooking for event along with Brother Jones. Vancouver RO to provide swag. Poster for event posted on PSAC website and to be sent out to all locals via Sister</p>	

<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>McKenzie. Volunteers to assist in event welcome.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 18:55. M/S/C Sister Deol/ Sister Girard.</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for April 14th</p>	
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Sister Patricia (Trish) Martin
President

Sister Colleen Girard
Acting Recording Secretary