

**PSAC VICTORIA AREA COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 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	Ken Turpin – UNDE 21010
Leanne Hughes – CIU 20042	Belinda Edwards – UNDE 21010
Scott Parker – UTE 20028	T. Mark Miller – VP UNDE BC
Ernest Hooker – UCTE 20220	Leanne Hughes – CIU 20042
Patricia Martin – CEIU 20975	Noele Arnold – AGR 20064

**Regrets**

Jack Gale – GSU 20001	Kuldeep Deol – GSU 20001
Nic Humphreys – UEW 20169	Jim Sidel – DCL 20500

**PSAC Victoria RO Staff Present:**

Dave Jackson – PSAC Rep	Colleen Girard – Acting PSAC Rep
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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Sister Patricia Martin called the meeting to order at approximately 17:34.	
<b>2. Agenda</b>	Additions made to agenda to add Human Rights Funding for Pride Parade as well as Education Input. Motion to adopt agenda as per amendments M/S/C Lazaro/Hooker	
<b>3. Previous Minutes</b>	Motion to accept AGM minutes from March 3, 2015 M/S/C Waldron/Parker.	
<b>4. Financial Update</b>	Brother Waldron’s report included the allocation for the Victoria Area council was received from the Vancouver Regional Office in the amount of \$3000. The allocation was less than asked for but more than many other Area councils received. Was also informed by the RO funding for certain events is possible if short on funds. The VAC has contributed funds to the 19 <sup>th</sup> events organized by Sister Girard. \$143.52 spent on the field for the Softball tournament put on by the VAC for NPSW. Other funds \$70 for food for the meeting. The current bank balance as of 27 May 2015 \$7,315.48. Adopt report M/S/C Waldron/Turpin.	
<b>5. Guest Speaker</b>	Brother Lazaro – SV Bargaining Team Member gave report	

<p>– <b>Marcelo Lazaro</b></p>	<p>on last round of bargaining. Since the introduction of Bill C-59, bargaining teams did not meet at the table. Instead the teams engaged in protests outside of MP’s office. A silent protest was held outside parliament.          Brother Lazaro reported on the SV pay study. The study is now completed. Brother Lazaro encouraged the importance of voting, participation and support of the membership.          Further discussion on bargaining.</p>	
<p><b>6. Ball Tournament</b></p>	<p>Brother Jackson reported fields are secured. Brother Parker will have funds from 4 teams from UTE on Friday. Sister Martin to bring in funds for CEIU team on Friday. Still awaiting 2 DND team funding.          Brother Jackson stressed the importance of female players as well as if any locals have members interested in playing but not enough for a team, one can be formed. Umps are secured for event. Purchase of Balls needs to take place.          Brother Jesson confirmed cooktop and Propane.          Sister Girard reported that Swag has been requested and confirmed for prizes from Vancouver RO, will be coming over via courier or with Bob Jackson if he is attending the event. Letter for prize draw items sent out to several local business to seek interest in donating to the event.          Sister Girard has put out an invitation to Randall Garrison’s office as well as spoken to Bruce Fogg, Randall should be in attendance for speakers. Bob Jackson has yet to confirm if he will be attending the event. Sister Girard sent out an email to Bridgette DePappe but has not yet received a response. Sister Girard has followed up again with no success. Sister Girard to speak on behalf of the Regional Council if needed.          Brother Jackson spoke about a bus leaving the downtown core being put on by CEIU. The bus will take participants to Topaz Park and return them to the Government street location. The bus will leave at 11:45 and return at 1:45.          Sister Girard asked if a bus from the base would be required.          Sister Martin confirmed 25 spectators as of now on her bus.</p>	<p>Sister Girard to follow up with local businesses</p> <p>Sister Girard to put out invite to Murray Rankin</p> <p>Brother Jesson to contact Sister Girard with numbers.</p>

<p><b>7. NPSW Boycott</b></p>	<p>Brother Jackson spoke on UTE flyer to have it redesigned for TB locals by Patrick Bragg. Brother Jackson to send it out electronically. Brother Miller commented on the fact that PIPSC is now in support of NPSW and will be attending the events.</p> <p>Sister Girard spoke of letter sent out to all local presidents regarding funding from PSAC to locals for NPSW. The proposals. 4 proposals have been received for NPSW. Discussion on proposals, extension of timeline to get them in, proposals received.</p> <p>Discussion on LWOP for local presidents to organize events. Sister Girard informed the VAC that she had asked the question to the Vancouver RO regarding LWOP. There is a budgeted line item of 20k which only 4k had been used so it would be a consideration.</p> <p>Brother Miller asked Sister Girard to follow up with Vancouver RO if they would allow members LWOP to attend NPSW events. Sister Girard to follow up.</p> <p>Further conversation regarding involvement of members and LWOP.</p> <p>Sister Martin spoke on ATIP request from CEIU. Further discussion and frustration on attendance by members and how to get them to realize what is really at stake. Where are we with our membership, how do we motivate them. Talk on benefits, pensions, leave.</p> <p>Brother Miller spoke on the impact to each individual member and how we need to target the impact on each individual member.</p> <p>Brother Jackson mentioned CRA members and how it has affected TB.</p> <p>Sister Girard spoke on leading by example. We as leaders need to be visible and participative in events and conversations for members to follow suit.</p> <p>Brother Miller spoke on appreciation BBQ at CFB Esquimalt on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Other unions to attend from PIPSC, IBEW and DT&amp;L. Concern that our members are going to attend. Discussion on how we can change member's minds about attending the BBQ, offering an alternative.</p>	<p>Brother Jackson to send email</p> <p>Sister Girard to follow up with Vancouver RO on LWOP for members</p>
<p><b>8. Labour Day Picnic</b></p>	<p>Discussion on labour day picnic and Saanich Fair, dates, timings and participation, visibility.</p> <p>Tables 10X10 for Saanich Fair \$525.00. Need people to man the booth. Nine Saanich Fair one day passes included</p>	

	<p>in price. Interest from meeting in manning the booth taken. Tent needs to be requested from North Island. Sub-committee struck. Sub-committee to include: Sister Girard, Brother Waldron, Brother Turpin, Sister Edwards, Sister Martin, Brother Parker Request to be sent to sent to Vancouver RO due to need for items, give outs etc.</p>	
<p><b>9. Volunteer to fill role of secretary</b></p>	<p>Sister martin asked if anyone would be interested in filling the role of secretary. After discussion Sister Hughes agreed to the temporary position.</p>	
<p><b>10. Human rights committee and Pride Donation</b></p>	<p>Request to VAC for \$200 for pride donation. Discussion on request and involvement with human rights committee. Motion to donate \$200 to VIHRC for pride. Brother Jesson, Brother Waldron. M/S/C</p>	
<p><b>11. Education Input</b></p>	<p>Sister Girard asked for education input for fall schedule. Recommendations for TUB, UICA, CLC part II, Facing management and Public Speaking. Discussion on upcoming courses.</p>	
<p><b>12. Roundtable</b></p>	<p>Sister Hughes – Volunteer as secretary for VAC Brother Jesson – Encourage members to attend June 19<sup>th</sup> Baseball event/VIHRC meetings and events Brother Miller – UNDE telephone town halls with UNDE members, multi local meetings to happen late June or early July. Dry run for mobilization as information came forward regarding PM’s visit to CFB Comox that was cancelled. Brother Miller stressed the importance of having kits ready for events as such i.e. Stop Harper signs. Blank white cardboard requested to enable to write up own sayings. Brother Lazaro- Brother Creamer from UNDE 1016 put forward a request for donation to Ride to Conquer Cancer. The event is June 22 from 6-9pm at the Loghouse pub in Langford. Motion to donate \$100 to Shawn Creamer for ride to conquer cancer. Brother Lazaro, Brother Turpin M/S/C</p>	
<p><b>13. Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:15 Martin/Lazaro M/S/C</p>	

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Sister Patricia (Trish) Martin  
President

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Sister Colleen Girard  
Acting Recording Secretary