VANCOUVER ISLAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 4, 2017

Present: (Boardroom) Paul Jones, Inderjeet Sangha, Dave Jackson (PSAC)

(Phone) Brenda Kipot, Colleen Girard, Giselle Henry

Call to order: 5:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

M/S/C Paul/Colleen - January statement as amended.

M/S/C Paul/Inderjeet – February statement as amended.

M/S/C Paul/Inderjeet – March statement as amended.

The April statement was not received as of yet.

Yearly allotment (\$1,000.00) has been received from the REVP's office.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting have not been received from the minute taker. We will pass them at the next meeting of the VIHRC.

Request for Donation

The Committee has received a donation request from the PSAC/BC Regional Convention Host Committee.

M/S/C Paul/Colleen – That we donate a gift up to a maximum of \$150.00.

Discussion took place as to who will action this, what should we purchase etc.. Giselle suggested that we could purchase an item from the Chief Simon Baker Gift Store in North Vancouver.

Committee Priorities

Paul began the conversation on the priorities of the Committee by stating that "getting more people to attend our meetings was a high priority for him". Giselle spoke about what the LGBT community had done in Regina at the Legislature Building. Specifically they placed 49 pairs of shoes on the steps of the Legislature.

The annual Pride Parade will be held July 9, 2017. We should join the other labour groups who participate in the parade. This worked extremely well in 2016. Paul will contact National Office regarding swag for the event. The muster point will be Pandora and Broad. Dave will send an email to all Locals encouraging them to participate in this year's Pride Parade.

Giselle spoke about having a "welcoming committee" for the LGBT community during the Pride Parade. She will provide Colleen with the names of the DND folks who have done this before.

The concensus was that these would be the 3 priorities of the VIHRC.

The meeting ended with a quick round table discussion about a variety of subjects.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.