

Human Rights Meeting

Attendees

Colleen Girard	UNDE 1008	Joshua Miller	CEIU 20944
Ken Waldrun	UNDE 1013	Marlene Stevens	UVAE
Paul Jones	UNDE 1008	Giselle Henry	USGE 20089
Deb Foster	CEIU	Cheryl Reid	CEIU 20975

Call to order – 5:42pm

Josh Miller welcomed everyone and called for a Round of Introductions.

Secretary Position

Discussion was had on the position of Secretary. Virginia Vaillancourt is currently the secretary of the committee and had agreed to fill the role until a replacement was found. Sister Vaillancourt has been busy and unable to fill the position.

Action Item: Josh Miller will put the notice out for the next GM for an election for the position of Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Sister Henry gave a financial report indicating the allocation for the REVP's office had been received for \$1000. The allocation needs to be deposited at the bank. The current balance of the account is \$1416.42.

Brother Waldrun advised the committee that Brother Jones and Sister Vaillancourt would have to go into the Community Savings Branch to have Brother Waldrun removed as a signer.

Action Item: Brother Jones and Sister Vaillancourt to go into community savings.

The treasurer's report was passed.

Henry/Foster M/S/C

Recruitment/Ideas

Brother Miller asked the committee for ideas about recruitment for the committee.

Sister Girard suggested the committee have a table set up at the VAC Softball tournament in June. By setting up a table by the food station, the committee would be able to reach out to a large population of

members. Sister Girard suggested a draw for a prize at the table that would allow the committee to collect home emails and begin building a distribution list of potential interested members.

Brother Miller would like to draft a letter to be sent to the Regional Council members asking for their support about the committee. Sister Girard reported that she had brought up the subject on the last council teleconference call. Brother Miller also spoke to Brother B Jackson regarding the struggles the committee was facing for participation.

Events

Discussion was had on events – Sister Henry researched Aboriginal Day. It is being held on the 19th of June in conjunction with Car Free Day. The contact is Ron Rice. The VIHRC is looking into sponsoring the event. The \$1000 donation would provide the PSAC logo on all distributed materials.

Action: Brother Miller to canvas the REVP's office for sponsorship monies

Racially Visible Conference – Discussion was had by committee regarding application deadline being extended. Sister Henry spoke of her denial. Brother Miller and Sister Girard to seek further clarification.

Camping event in August – Brother Miller suggested setting up a small table at the event to seek interest about the committee.

Pride – The VIHRC will liaise this year with the VLC and walk in solidarity with all unions. The committee would like to have a booth at the event. The committee decided to take an inventory of Swag left from the event of previous years before purchasing new stock.

Dave Paul's family Pow-wow – Suggestion by Sister Henry of sponsoring or attending event.

Equity Groups – HR coalition- Our place. Suggestion to collaborate with them for this event in October.

The budget for the committee was discussed as to allocation for events etc. The budgeted amounts are as follows:

Meetings \$500 MOI: \$1000 Swag: \$75

Donations: \$350 Events: \$1000

A suggestion was made by the committee as to purchasing dinner or snacks for the meetings as they are held over the supper hour. Sister Girard volunteered to deal with the food for the meetings. It was suggested a cultural rotation for food would be appropriate.

Round Table

Josh Miller – Suggests a fun type of get together for HR committee and members in late summer, early fall, possibly at a restaurant/pub.

Ken Waldron – Brought to the committee the suggestion to have Patrick send to Rosemary a list of members on the Island who have self-identified.

Giselle Henry – Recruitment – Spoke of Dave Jackson doing a lunch and learn at her workplace. Giselle encouraged committee to take the opportunity.

Deb Foster – Spoke of Advertising events on PSAC website. Spoke of National events and some ideas.

Paul Jones – Was appointed to the City of Victoria's Accessibility Taskforce by the City's Mayor and Council. The mandate of the Taskforce is to identify & remove existing barriers that currently exist in the City and to work with City Council to develop policy around eliminating the creation of new barriers. The goal is to make the City of Victoria one of the most accessible cities in Canada.

Meeting adjourned 6:57pm. Waldron/Foster M/S/C