

West Fraser Valley Area Council
May 15, 2017
Knight & Day Restaurant
9677 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC

Present: Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 200;88); Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050); Georges Tenn (UTE Local 20050); Monique Bakker (UHEW Local 20147); Samina Anwar (CEIU Local 20910); Warren Wulff (NRCAN Local 20088); Susie Blyth (CEIU Local 20964)

Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative)

Regrets: Shirley Torres (UNE 20278), Celine Ahodekon (UNE 20278), Johann Ackerman (UTE20029), Bob Jackson, REVP

Recorder: Susie Blyth

1. Call to Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

Amendments:

Order of Agenda changed as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting February 27, 2017 **AGM**
4. Finances
5. Political Action
 - Elections
6. Education
7. Events
8. New Business
 - Baskets for 2017 PSAC BC Regional Triennial Convention
 - WFVAC laptop for Minutes
9. Food Bill
10. Child Care
11. Adjournment

Motion to accept the Agenda as amended

Moved by: Monique

Seconded by: Warren

Carried

POINT OF ORDER

Monique: asked for a copy of the final bylaws.

Bylaws are available online

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting February 27, 2017

Motion to adopt the minutes of February 27, 2017

Moved by: Warren

Seconded by: Georges

Carried

4. Finances

Georges provided the financial bank statements for January, February & March 2017. April 27, 2017 have not been processed yet.

Motion to approve Child Care costs not exceeding \$100

Moved by: Georges

Seconded by: Susie

Carried

5. POLITICAL ACTION

Robert talked about 6 of 9 ridings in this area. Did very well. Peter Fassbender was knocked out. Langley stayed Liberal. They said Liberal won the election, but that's not true. It could be changed with the Greens aligning with the other parties. Big issue is Housing and Education. Green getting 3 seats, one short of the official party status. Christie got her status reduced.

Monique states Maple Ridge to Mission is on recount.

Robert states False Creek is under recount. Sam Sullivan's area.

Richard states there was an email vote. NDP, for Bruce Ralston, Harry Bains, Jinny Sims, Rachna Singh.

Jennifer talked about the vote for donations to the NDP campaign. 5 on the executive. 3 of 5 said yes. Sent it to membership. It was to go forward. Funds not from the Area Council, but to go to PSAC line item.

Action Item: confirm that donation went through

Richard states the donation did go through

Robert: one of our members was running for the Liberals against Bruce Ralston, Sargy Chima

Jennifer: on-going lobbying. Encourage MP lobbying for ongoing process. Check in with Monique. What is the update on wanting to lobby in your area.

Monique. Wanted to go but didn't want to go by myself. Haven't heard anything.

Robert: Phoenix is still a humungous issue. Top issue.

Richard: my opinion is the union is weak on Phoenix. Something more has to be done other than talking to the MPs.

Robert: Treasury Board mobilizing is winding down. Bring up your own personal issues. MP visits.

Richard: Bill C377 still being held up. Rescinding of the union.

6. EDUCATION

Warren: raise awareness of Asian Heritage month. There will be a movie screening on May 22, 2017. Asian Heritage Month cards to post in your workplace. MHRC meeting; all members are welcome PSAC regional office. Ideas for courses. Go to the PSAC website and put in your suggestions for courses you would like to see. They are getting ready for Fall.

Robert: find out from members what they would want.

Monique: asked if she wanted to go to Human Rights, would Area Council pay for childcare.

Jennifer asked Monique to send her an email with her request.

Warren: May 27, 2017 course on the island for Grievance Handling. PSAC scholarship opened as of April 25. 14 scholarships for dependant children and applications by June 23. General note, PSAC does offer information on web page. New scholarship. SFU for Labour Study students. International Union of Painters for students, \$2500 annually; In Memory of Glen Clark's father, James Clark, who was a painter in that union.

Jennifer: Union of National Employees awards a \$1000 scholarship to all students in BC and Yukon for those who are pursuing post secondary education. This award is available to everyone; union members and non-union members

Jennifer: acknowledged that May is Asian Heritage month. PSAC BC Racially Visible Caucus is organizing a joint event with BCGEU and community groups like Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens Association in celebrating the third annual 2017 Asian Heritage Month.

Venue: #130 – 2820 Virtual Way, Vancouver (11:00 am to 3:00pm)

If you are interested, send your rsvp to Jennifer. Organize a movie night of "All Our Father's Relations. Talk about showing the film at an Area Council meeting.

Action Item: Susie coordinate event.

Mainland Human Rights Committee (MHRC) meeting. Equity members only. Jennifer is the co-chair. Suggestion to invite allies to come after the regular meeting. Short presentation from panelists. 5:30 to 7:00 equity members. Panelists from 7 pm.

7. EVENTS

Richard: Surrey Pride

Robert: Fusion Festival. July 23 & 24.

Jennifer: Pride is June 25, 2017. <http://www.surreypride.ca/pride-2017>

Susie will volunteer to be at the PSAC booth for Pride. Jennifer will also volunteer for Pride

Richard asked for a Lead for Pride

Jennifer: fee for the booth is \$500 which comes out of PSAC line item. Jennifer will request funding for fee

Jennifer talked about paying for lunches for the volunteers. Discussion regarding the amount/limit

Motion for WFVAC to pay for volunteers' lunch not exceeding \$15 each

Moved by: Jennifer

Seconded by: Monique

Carried

Jennifer: Robert will be the Rep for Pride.

Convention. Richard states under the PSAC Constitution, we have to have 4 meetings and minutes by October 28 to get a delegate.

Jennifer: resolutions. Traditionally resolutions are submitted 6 months prior to Convention. NBoD (National Board of Directors) is meeting the first week of October. We cannot submit resolutions until September.

Monique. Suggested maybe we have a meeting in June and September.

Jennifer: Regional Convention. If the Area Council (AC) has anything to discuss, let's have the meeting before the 16th of June.

Richard suggests June 12th

Richard: have been submitted to BC regional. We discuss resolutions for National.

Jennifer: meet before June 16th to strategize.

Jennifer can call-in on June 12th. Warren isn't available on the 12th

Richard: the issue would be whether or not we could get quorum. June 13th or June 14th.

June 12th is the next meeting.

Suggested venues for next meeting: Browns, Boston Pizza.

Jennifer: Canadian Labour Congress Convention (2017 May 8 -12)

For list of phenomenal speakers, check it out on <http://convention.canadianlabour.ca/speakers/>

On the last day of the event, there was an exercise on “Organise, Mobilize, Unionize” – a road map to a **#FairFuture**.

Our very own former REVP for the PSAC National Capital Region, a member of UNE, Brother Larry Rousseau was elected as one of the CLC Executive Vice President

Jennifer: National Equity Conference – PSAC National Equity Conference March 2017 – I had the privilege to serve on the steering committee for the Racially Visible caucus. Some of the resolutions submitted by WFVAC passed; such as to increase the number of equity delegate seats to PSAC National Triennial Convention. Other resolutions are for PSAC to lobby government to act on Employment Equity situations and the Truth to Reconciliation Commission report adopted in June 2014, to lobby government to abolish the discriminatory ban on blood donation from certain donors, etc. There were 17 Sisters from different components running for delegate seats which took about three hours. This resulted in the PSAC BC regional caucus being cancelled and the Racially Visible Caucus which was to take place at 4:30pm to be rescheduled for the following day.

Dinner break: 6:58 pm – 7:24 pm

Richard: recommends the following names be forwarded to the Honour Roll at the Regional PSAC Conference: *Sharon Tellman, Ruby Langan* who’s brother passed away.

Susie will pass names on to Patrick Bragg.

Jennifer: New Westminster Labour Council – 2 seats according to number of members in this region. Jennifer has always gone. Shirley Torres has not gone. Jennifer would like to give up her seat for others to attend. Jennifer has in the past done a 3 minute presentation. Get the Labour Council to know a little bit more about PSAC. Can go as an observer. Would like new members to attend. Warren is interested.

Jennifer will check to see what paper work is required.

Richard: Fusion Festival. Kristen sent out an email indicating we were late registering for this event. Richard looked at the website and they are still soliciting interest. Richard sent an email to the coordinator indicating we are interested. We need to be ready if we can have a booth. Richard is not in town that particular weekend of July 22 & 23rd. Richard will forward to Kristen regarding budget for events.

Motion that WFVAC cover the cost of the booth if REVP office does not cover and volunteers will be provided lunch not exceeding \$15 per person, per meal, per day. Each 3 hours of volunteer constitutes meals.

Motioned by: Jennifer

Seconded by: Monique

Carried

Update on women's shelters. send out an email to Women's Reps and to send out a reminder to Area Council to bring items to meetings.

Jennifer: give her a list of items for donations so she can put the list out. She is knitting pussy hats.

Richard: on the next meeting of June 12th, bring your items for the women's shelter.

Jennifer: asked Robert to have a poster made up for the donation program.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Baskets: Robert - requesting baskets for the upcoming convention in Vancouver June 16 – 18. Want to have a silent auction. Want donations to raffle off. Money to help protein for people. PADS. To help people with assistance dogs. Email bertfarwell@shaw.ca if you have any items to donate. Email by June 8 and you can also bring to convention.

Monique: would be nice to do a donation from the Area Council. \$50 value. Nice to have our council recognized.

Jennifer asked George how much money we have for that.

George states we have \$750.

Motion to donate up to \$100 towards the basket for the raffle draw.

Motioned by: Jennifer

Seconded by Monique

Discussion: Warren asked who the \$100 would go to and what would they do with it.

Richard: direction would need to be given as to who would take the lead and do the shopping. There needs to be more in the motion and the direction.

Jennifer & Samina will be the leads on the donation.

Carried

Monique: suggests a laptop or tablet for the Area Council minutes.

George suggest a laptop not a tablet.

Jennifer states the UNE union has used laptops for sale. \$195.

George: which line item will this go under?

Richard asked about the software

Susie states she has an older version of MS office.

Motion that Area Council purchase a laptop not exceeding \$500 to support the secretary and the duties of the Area Council

Motioned by: Jennifer

Seconded by: Susie

Carried

Monique. If we get the laptop in time, we should bring it to the BC regional convention.

BBQ: Jen states we have talked about a BBQ. Would like to suggest a BBQ at Jen's clubhouse located at 120 St/80 Ave., Surrey. BBQ, a potluck. To be updated at the June 12th meeting. Jen will check clubhouse availability.

Reminder in the email for the summer BBQ

Motion to approve the Food Bill of \$176.00 plus 15% tip of \$25.60 for a total of \$196.26

Motioned by: Jennifer

Seconded by: Warren

Discussion: round to \$200

Motion to amend the motion to \$200

Motioned by: Susie

Seconded by: Samina

2nd motion Carried

Adjourned 8:10 pm