

West Fraser Valley Area Council

October 5, 2017

5:30 pm

Knight & Day Restaurant

9677 King George Blvd, Surrey BC

Present: Johann Ackermann (UTE, Local 20029); Lynn Walters (CEIU, Local 20964); Connie Lenz (CEIU, Local 20964); Dina Elias (CEIU, Local 20910); Stephen Klaver (CEIU, Local 20910); Samina Anwar (CEIU, Local 20910); Richard Hyatt (UTE, Local 20050); Susie Blyth (CEIU, Local 20964); Monique Bakker (UHEW, Local 20147); Warren Wulff (UCTE, Local 20088); Georges Tenn (UTE, Local 20050); Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE, Local 20088) – via telephone

Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative)

Recorder: Susie Blyth

1. Call to Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm

Roundtable – Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

Richard indicated that before adopting the agenda, since we had a meeting on September 18, 2017, remove the following: Political Action, Education and Events

Richard indicated that the election (of September 18, 2017) was called out of order. Johann wanted confirmation as per Jamey (Mills). Richard states it's in order. Richard states to strike Finance and indicated this would be a short agenda. Richard indicated we will be moving on the Approval of the Minutes, Elections, New Business, etc.

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended

Motioned by: Stephen

Seconded by: Johann

Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes from last meeting, September 18, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017

Motioned by: Johann

Seconded by: Susie

Carried

4. Elections – Delegate, PSAC National Triennial Convention 2018 Alternate, PSAC National Triennial Convention 2018

Robert presided over the elections and opened up the floor for nominations for the position of *Delegate*

Stephen nominated Susie; 2nd by Connie – Accepted
Johann nominated Richard, 2nd by Jennifer – Declined
Result: Susie acclaimed as Delegate

Robert opened up the nominations for position of *Alternate*

Johann nominated Warren, 2nd by Jennifer – Accepted
Result: Warren acclaimed as Alternate

Richard indicated there are no ballots to destroy

5. New Business

Richard indicated that we need to set AGM date for January and states that he is looking at the 15th.

Robert states to get the email out as soon as possible for the AGM and to cc Robert & Patrick

Jennifer states that she is on leave for personal obligations. She states that she has been involved with the Area Council for several years; and the last 2 terms as President. Jennifer congratulated Susie for stepping up and getting involved. Jennifer sends special thanks to Richard for being there when she is not available. Thanks to Robert for being the rep all these years. Jennifer indicated that Johann is one of the union members that she has gotten to know. Jennifer states that she will try to be at the AGM, but will not be running for any positions. She thanked everyone for their friendship.

Johann congratulated Jennifer on her marriage.

Jennifer commented that she was married on September 7, 2017 to Karoline Klug. She states she got engaged in May 2017.

Johann said that her email says she is on extended leave but she just said she was resigning.

Jennifer stated that Jamey (Mills) wanted clarification.

Jennifer added that all positions are up for election at the AGM

Jennifer asked about the \$100 for CLIFF and \$100 for December 2, 2017.

Richard advised that they were approved.

Jennifer asked if anyone within the WFVAC would be willing to organize the December 6, 2017 vigil.

Susie said she would be willing to organize the event if she would be able to get advice from Jennifer.

Monique said she will assist, if able.

Roundtable

Warren state that he has put together a list of movies of the VIFF (Vancouver International Film Festival) regarding labour and political action. He has communicated to PSAC BC to have these movies included in their website.

Monique asked if PSAC is supporting the films.

Richard replied, yes.

Johann stated that in the minutes of September 18, 2017, it mentioned that members must be self-identify that they are First Nations, Inuit or Métis, but didn't mention as to what.

Robert states that to be registered for the Introduction to the Union for Indigenous Members, you must self-identify.

Johann asked that the minutes be updated, although we have already approved them.

Robert indicated that the East Fraser Valley Area Council and the West Fraser Valley Area Council have training on grievance handling.

He also stated that there is training on Duty to Accommodate in Vancouver on November 26 & 27, 2017.

Robert said to look up Karla Backer – JLP, Education Coordinator on the internet.

Link: <http://www.jlp-pam.ca/regions-eng#h2-6>

Richard stated that one of his members applied for a course on the island and was denied, but the rationale was that she would be on the island.

Jennifer talked about the presentation of Phoenix. She advised that there is a ½ hour presentation. She indicated that it would be a benefit to have Jamey (Mills) there to answer questions. If you are interested in the presentation, contact Johann or Jennifer.

Warren states he will try to coordinate a presentation.

Johann advised of the action on October 18th, Fix Phoenix rally (12:15 pm, 401 Burrard St., Vancouver)

Monique talked about the mistakes and that it is the employer's duty to fix the problem, not the employee's.

Richard states that it is the employer's responsibility to pay the employees properly.

Johann suggests to take a copy of your paystub and double-check everything.

Dina said there are so many issues. People go off on EI and still getting paid

Johann talked about another pay issue.

Robert states that if anyone wants to speak to their MP, he can get the speaking notes.

Richard states that the MPs would like to hear about employee's problems.

Robert states the PSAC has a lot of action. Talked about Justin Trudeau in Kelowna. Raised signs to get pics in the media.

Dinner Break: 6:32 pm

Motion to pay the food bill plus 15% tip

Motioned by: Georges

Seconded by: Susie

Carried

Motion to pay Monique's childcare bill of \$67.50

Motioned by: Georges

Seconded by: Johann

Adjourned: 6:55 pm