

West Fraser Valley Area Council

Minutes January 18, 2016

ABC Restaurant Fraser Hwy Surrey, BC

Present: Johann Ackermann (UTE Local 20029); Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050); Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 20088); Michael Small (UTE Local 20029); Monique Bakker (UEW Local 20142); Celine Ahodekon (UNE Local 20278); Georges Ten (UTE Local 20050); Don Urrutia (UNE Local 20088); Daphne Ho (UNE Local 20088); Jackie Belanger (GSU Local 20008); Bob Jackson (AGR Local 20044)

By Phone: Shirley Torres (UNE Local 20278); Tracey Cochrane

Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative); Jamey Mills (PSAC Alternate REVP)

Call to order

Johann called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Adoption of the Agenda

Monique moved and Jennifer seconded to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Add MP visits under Political Action, remove Bylaw Changes. Carried.

Approval of minutes from last meeting November 30, 2015

Jennifer moved and Richard seconded to adopt the minutes of November 30, 2015 as circulated. Carried.

Business arising from the previous minutes

Adopt a family

Jennifer updated the results of the Adopt of Family which was the first time the WFVAC chose to sponsor a family. As directed by the AC, a single family was requested and it was a single mother with two kids. There were two children a ten year old boy and six year old girl. Jennifer spent less than was allocated as the final total was \$345.00. Items purchased consisted of educational books, a game to share, \$150 for groceries (Save-On Foods) and purchased pajamas for the mother. Jenn will pass the receipts on to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Financial Reports

Statements were provided by Michael, the statements have not been audited and last review was done by Monique in November

It was pointed out that no funds were put out for the Surrey Fusion Festival although we did budget for this event. PSAC had paid for this and was thought that it was itemized for political action. Bob will have Kristen look into this.

Michael moved Monique seconded to adopt the unaudited financial statements. Carried.

2016 Budget

Michael moved the budget, Jenn seconded to accept the budget with the following changes:

Increase the Meeting line item increase to \$1000

New line item titled Events: set @ \$1000

National Day of Remembrance to End Violence Against Women @ \$250.00

Combine Registration Fees with Membership Funding and increase to \$1,500.00

Increase Social Activities to \$500.00

Labour Council Affiliation - \$400.00

Travel – 150.00

Total Projected expenditures - \$9,675. 00

Carried

Michael moved and Jennifer seconded to reimburse Monique for her child care in the amount of \$75. Carried

Education Coordinator's Report

There are still spaces for the TUB course in Abbotsford. All upcoming courses were listed in the November minutes for the AC. Also posted on the Regional PSAC web page.

Georges and Jennifer attended the PSAC Alliance Facilitator Training Course last week and indicated that they will still need to go through the certification stage. Once they are certified, they would be able to deliver courses to various work sites and also could make themselves available at future AC meetings. There are courses available that could be covered in a short period of time. More details will be provided by PSAC.

Bob indicated members should register on the Membership Portal at the www.psaunion.ca. You will be given access to available online courses through the PSAC.

Jennifer moved and Celine seconded to approve the Education Coordinators report. Carried.

Action Item: Jennifer to identify courses for future WFVAC agenda items.

Political Action

a. MP Visits – Robert Strang

Robert shared a document for members of the AC to review entitled “2016 MP Visits-Framework for Discussion.” He stated that we have an opportunity with a new government and new MP’s in West Fraser Valley area and now is the time that get out

there and meet with them so they can get to know us. This will aid in developing a good relationship with each of them. Robert indicated that there is a kit that PSAC will be putting out but we don't have to wait for this.

Action Item: Jennifer will contact the MP Surrey-Newton, The Hon. Sukh Dhaliwal. There is an open house invited by Hon. Sukh Dhaliwal on Jan 30, 2016. She will respond the invitation with regrets for not attending and at the same time, to arrange for a date to meet with him.

Jenn will follow up, and when set up will meet prior to discuss and prepare.

b. By-Elections for the Province

Bob indicated that there are two by-elections coming up in two ridings in Vancouver (Mount Pleasant - Melanie Mark) and Coquitlam (Coquitlam-Burke Mountain - Jodie Wickens). Bob encouraged those at the meeting to lend support in these areas.

Election of Officers

Johann turned the meeting over to Robert Strang to chair the Election process.

Nominations for President

Johann Ackermann nominated by Michael and seconded by Daphne

Jennifer Chieh Ho nominated by Richard and Seconded by Celine

Both accepted their nominations.

Elected – Jennifer Chieh Ho

Nominations for Vice President

Richard Hyatt nominated by Celine and seconded by Don

Richard accepted

No other nominations and Richard was acclaimed

Nominations for Treasurer

Georges Ten nominated by Johann and seconded by Michael

Georges accepted

No other nominations and Georges was acclaimed

Nominations for Secretary

Celine Ahodekon nominated by Jennifer and seconded by Georges

Celine accepted

No other nominations and Celine was acclaimed

Education Coordinator

Tracey Cochrane nominated by Jennifer seconded by Bob

Tracey accepted

No other nominations and Tracey was acclaimed

Auditor

Monique will Audit and Jennifer will request Andy Yung to assist.

Action Item: Jennifer to contact Andy Yung for his acceptance and availability.

Michael moved and Monique seconded to destroy the ballets. Carried.

Point of Privilege from Shirley. Thanked Johann for his service as it was appreciated.

Point of Privilege was taken well.

New Business

Bob updated the AC on the bargaining situation and indicated that there likely won't be much movement in the meetings of February as the government will still need to issue a new mandate to the Treasury Board Management team. There are meetings planned for March and April.

There will be bargaining campaigns so we are to stay alert for emails as Robert will be sending this out on direction. This information only applies only to the Treasury Board group.

YVR Possible Strike

There is a possible job action from Swiss Air workers who have taken a strike vote and received almost 100% support. If the writ is dropped then YVR will be then behind picket lines and union members should not be crossing the line and find alternate air transportation for travel.

Monique suggested that we get a teleconference phone for people who cannot attend and participate in the meetings.

Jennifer thanked the outgoing executive of the Area Council for the time put in for the previous year and that she looks forward to working with the new executive.

Action Item: To be discussed further by the AC.

Food Bill

Michael moved and Daphne seconded to pay the food bill which came to \$311.04. Carried.

Adjournment

Johann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM