

**West Fraser Valley Area Council**  
**ABC Restaurant – Fraser Hwy.**  
**August 17, 2015**

**Present:** Jeremy Amor – Vice President (UTE Local 20029); Richard Hyatt, Secretary (UTE Local 20050); Jennifer Chieh Ho, Education Officer (UNE Local 20088); Shirley Torres (UNE Local 20278); Jacquie Belanger (GSU Local 20008); Susie Blyth (CEIU Local 20910); Deoraj Mahabirsingh ( UTE Local 20050); Margot Pittaway (CFIA Local 20044)

**Regrets:** Johann Ackermann, President (UTE Local 20029), Celine Ahdekon (UNE Local 20088 ), Monique Bakker (UEW Local 20147), Bob Jackson (PSAC – REVP/CFIA Local 20044), Tracy Bestland (USGE Local 20011), Heather Kenny (UTE Local 20029)

**Absent:** Michael Small (UTE Local 20029)

**Guests:** Karoline Klug (PSAC Regional Office)

Called to Order at 8:30 PM

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Remove the Financial Report and Education Report and add the Meal approval.

Surrey Pride and Fusion will be discussed under Political Action.

*Motion to adopt the agenda as changed.* Moved by Margot and seconded by Deoraj.  
Carried.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of May 11, 2015**

*Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015 as circulated.* Moved by Deoraj and seconded by Jennifer. Carried.

**3. Political Action**

Jennifer provided an update on the following activities.

Surrey Pride

Jennifer was ill on the day of the event and therefore the WFVAC was not representative to this event. Therefore no costs to the area council.

## Surrey Fusion Festival

This event was a joint event where the PSAC shared booth space with the BC Federation of Labour and their affiliates Hospital Employees Union and the BC Government Employee's Union. Jennifer thanked everyone who assisted at the booth and indicated that she was there for the full day on both days. The weather was extremely hot, but the public reception was very well received and encouraged by the support of the public. We shared information on the upcoming election and explained the cuts that the Conservative's have done since being in power.

The BC Feds shared information on the campaign to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

It is recommended that for next year that we again share the booth space as it helps keep the cost down. Jennifer mentioned that Karoline had created a template to use for such types of events and this would be a useful tool for signing up volunteers so they know the details of the event and readily prepared. Karoline indicated that she would be happy to share this tool.

## Vancouver Pride

Jennifer stated that she helped out at the booth for this event and did not see individuals from the Vancouver Area Council. Paul Croze had sent out an email requesting volunteers. Some present indicated that they did not see this email and perhaps in future PSAC could send this request to all members in the future for recruiting volunteers.

## Political Action Workshop

Earlier today (August 17<sup>th</sup>) WFVAC hosted a workshop on canvassing for the upcoming election. The workshop was a joint venture with the EFVAC. Karoline Klug facilitated the workshop. The workshop provided documentation and tools to be used for door to door campaigns and phone contact. Karoline clarified what the do's and don'ts are when campaigning and clarified that the focus group is member to member contact.

We are seeking interest and have proposed the following dates to contact members in the Surrey-Newton riding. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be phone contact which will be conducted from the PSAC office on Joyce Street from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be for door to door campaign. A list was circulated.

In addition, there will be a campaign to support labour friendly candidates conducted by the CLC. This will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 AM in Surrey. Anyone interested can register at [Pacific@clc.ca](mailto:Pacific@clc.ca) or signup online at [goo.gl/gi9fCG](http://goo.gl/gi9fCG).

#### **4. Food Bill**

*Motion to pay the food bill in the amount of \$257.18 from the WFVAC budget and to reimburse Richard Hyatt. Moved by Jennifer and seconded by Deoraj. Carried.*

*Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Moved by Jacquie and seconded by Richard. Carried.*