

**West Fraser Valley Area Council
Knight and Day Restaurant
February 23, 2015**

Present: Johann Ackermann, President (UTE Local 20029), Jeremy Amor – Vice President (UTE Local 20029), Richard Hyatt, Secretary (UTE Local 20050), Jennifer Chieh Ho, Education Officer (UNE Local 20088), Monique Bakker (UEW Local 20147), Bob Jackson (PSAC – REVP/CFIA Local 20044), Susie Blyth (CEIU Local 20910), Tracy Bestland (USGE Local 20011)

Regrets: Michael Small, Treasurer (UTE Local 20029); Celine Ahdekon (UNE Local 20088), Shirley Torres (UNE Local 20278)

Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC Regional Office)

Call to order

Called to order at 5:35 PM

Introductions were made.

Johann advised that Angela had stepped down as the delegate to the Triennial Convention, therefore he as the 1st Alternate will now be the delegate for the Area Council.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Canada Day, Fusion Festival and Transit Referendum to be discussed under Political Action. Jennifer\Monique M/S Carried.

Approval of minutes from October 20, 26 and Dec. 9, 2014

Motion to adopt the October 20, 2014 as amended by deleting the ‘??’ so the motion to approve the allocation of the delegate registration fee. just indicates that it was moved and seconded.. Monique/Jennifer M/S Carried

Motion to adopt the October 26, 2014 minutes. Monique/Jeremy M/S Carried

Referred December 9, 2014 minutes to the next meeting.

Financial Report

Michael sent the report and this was forwarded by email to those invited to the meeting. The report included the financial report for the shortened fiscal year of Sept 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

The opening balance for Sept 1, 2014 was \$9986.74. Income received was Dues \$873.00 plus interest of \$3.31 and Expenditures were \$1,146.43 leaving a closing balance of \$9,716.76 as of December 31, 2014.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented. Monique/Jennifer M/S Carried.

Kristin through Robert advised that there needs to be an audit report for the financial statements for this short period. Monique agreed to do the audit.

Motion for the daycare fee \$45 be reimbursed to Monique. Susie/Jennifer M/S Carried

Received a cheque for dues \$75 (UNE local 20088)

Budget

Motion to adopt the budget as presented. Jennifer/Monique M/S

Motion to amend include a line item for Child Care Expenses with a designation of \$225. Richard/Bob M/S Carried.

Motion that the Membership funding be increased from \$300 to \$600. Jennifer/Tracy M/S Carried

Motion to amend and add a line for Dec 6 Woman's Day Event with a designation of \$300. Jennifer/Tracy Carried.

\$4, 626.80 is the revised projected closing bank account for the 2015 fiscal year.

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Vote on the main motion with amendments. . Carried.

Motion to pay for the dinner plus tip in the amount of \$152.93. Monique/Bob M/S Carried.

Education Report

Jennifer provided an update on education.

Copies of the PSAC course listings were made available by Robert.

BCFED Health and Safety training course guide was provided by Jennifer. This training would reflect the provincial legislation. There may be an element that touches on Federal. Bob suggested Jennifer check with James Little as to which is recommended and report back at the next meeting.

Jennifer will look at inviting someone to the Area Council to speak. An individual from the RCMP that spoke at the CLC School could be a good candidate. . Jennifer will look into having someone come in to do a learning events at our meetings.

Johann suggests that a separate meeting could be arranged as well. If held at the meeting to ensure it does not make the meeting too long.

Motion to adopt the report. Jennifer/Monique M/S Carried.

Political Action

Fusion Festival - July 18 and 19, 2015. Someone needs to take the lead. There are others who are interested and the lead may need to contact Kristen.

Richard will send an email to see who will be willing to take the lead. Jennifer will connect.

Jennifer asked whether she was at liberty to ask for the East Fraser Valley Area Council could attend. She could have had two people here from them but did not know if she could invite them. Ask for clarification.

Jennifer should propose to have this added to the agenda. Bob stated that if the intent is for the Area Councils to work together, then we should invite them to specifically work with them on the Political Action item. Robert suggested connecting with Kristie (EFVAC). Invite to be sent to the EFVAC for the next meeting.

Canada Day event – July 1st - Cloverdale

Surrey Pride – July 5, 2015 Ask through the email all events. Jennifer is the lead.

Transit Referendum – PSAC regionally supports the “Yes.” side. Information is available and various forums are in the communities. Individuals are encouraged to attend. BCFED had unanimous support. We should message/educate people to get out and vote and be informed on the vote.

Let Johann know and copy Richard.

Meeting Location

Email the locals to see if they are interested in moving the location. Richard and Johann will work on this email.

Area Council Job Descriptions

Bf;d to next meeting

March Day of Action

Robert provided an update on the events planned for March 19th. CRA will be doing their own on March 18th.

The February event was successful and Treasury Board bargaining table is proposing March 19th for the next event. It is reported that the momentum is building and PSAC wants this event to be bigger. PIPSC would be asked to be invited as well as other groups. The sick leave theme will be wearing surgical masks and hand sanitizers with the Healthy Workplace theme. Each local is asked to get as many people out to participate and take group photos. They will be various events and will be inviting MPs primarily NDP. Jennifer will be contacted the Surrey NDP MPs. Activities to take place during the day and the evening.

Get your members out to support the bargaining. Send the photos to the PSAC Regional office. Jennifer is the contact for Treasury Board mobilization groups and will be working closely with Robert and Johann.

NWDL

Jennifer will be sending in her claim for mileage. Did a presentation on the History of the Labour Movement. Patrick assisted. Jennifer sits on the Social Justice and Mobilization committee. Still looking for one name to submit as delegate as currently Jennifer is the only one. Shirley considered but thought Celine was interested.

All agreed that Shirley is to be the second delegate. It was asked if Tracy and/or Susie would be interested to serve as alternates, they will consider.

CLC Winter School Report

Jennifer provided a report on her attendance to the CLC Winter School.

She thanked the area council for their support in the attendance to this course. The course was entitled *The Candidate Development For Women*, which is designed for women leaders and address the real challenges women candidates face and introduce ways to balance the day to day challenges in the face of high stress in a campaign.

The course helps build confidence and planning skills. There were ten strong women in the this class and two being facilitators. Each of the eight participants were from different Unions. Jennifer was the only PSAC participant. Two of the participants were actually women running for the NDP Member of Parliament office in October 2015. One of the candidates was Jennifer Martel from Abbotsford.

The group of eight were divided into two groups of four people and each group we put together an actual campaign plan. At the end of the plenary session, the candidates were well prepared. The others in the group were campaign team members and made up last minute informal pledge forms, online donations and accepting both cash and cheque donations. This course really showed the team work the two groups had in order to reach the goals.

Surrey International Women's Day "Kick Up Your Heels" Fundraiser

Jennifer is selling tickets for this fundraiser.

Adjournment

Next meeting will be May 11, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM