

**PSAC-West Fraser Valley Area Council**  
**January 16, 2017**  
**ABC Country Restaurant**  
**15373 Fraser Hwy. Surrey, BC**

**Present:** Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 20088); Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050);  
Georges Tenn (UTE Local 20050); Monique Bakker (UEW Local 20147); Deoraj  
Mahabirsingh (UTE Local 20050)

**Guests:** Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative)

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Jennifer indicated that the agenda needed to be modified as the intent was for this meeting to be the annual meeting, however, insufficient notification was sent out to the area. As a result elections will not be conducted at this meeting. We need to add 'Finance Report' after the adoption of the minutes. Under 'New Business' add 'Change to reporting structure of area councils.'

*Motion to adopt the agenda moved by Monique and seconded by Georges. Carries.*

**3. Adoption of Previous Minute**

*Motion to adopt the minutes of November 21, 2016. Carries*

Action Items:

MP Meetings – Item is ongoing

Robert to send to interested individuals speaking notes to those wanting to lobby their MP. Still ongoing. Robert asked for individuals to let him know if they have any appointments set up

Robert was to draft a letter to be sent to locals asking to participate in the donation of items program for women's shelters. Clothing etc. This would be collected four times a year. Robert will connect with Susie and Jenn on the complete details of the proposal.

Invitation to Equity Committee members to attend the Area Council meetings. Still ongoing.

Meeting to change bylaws still ongoing. .

#### 4. Finance Report

Audit needs to be done by two individuals who are not members of the Area council.

*Motion that an honorarium be paid in the amount of \$50 for each auditor in appreciation of completing the audit and that an amendment be made in the Area Council Bylaws to state this as a standing item. Moved by Georges and seconded by Monique. Carries.*

**Action:** Georges to find two auditors and bylaws to be reviewed to make this a standing item.

*Motion to cover Monique's child care cost of \$60. Moved by Georges and seconded by Jennifer. Carries.*

Georges presented a copy of the bank statement and expenditures. He drafted a budget which will not be approved today but we recommended the following changes for the proposal

Meetings - \$1,500  
Social Activities - \$200  
Registration Fees - \$600  
Membership Funding \$2,000  
District Labour Council \$150 (\$150 credit)  
Community Events - \$1,200  
Donations - \$750  
Political Action - \$1,500

Proposed Expenditures - \$7,775

**Action:** Georges and Monique will meet to prepare the financial statements for the annual meeting in February.

#### 5. Political Action

An appointment was set up to meet with the MP Randeep Sarai. Unfortunately the MP had a family emergency and the meeting was cancelled. The meeting will still need to be rescheduled.

There is a need to lobby MPs on various issues such as Bill C27, Phoenix pay system.

Discussion on meeting with MP's in Coquitlam and was asked in addition to lobbying MPs on the issues identified by PSAC, can we bring up personal issues as well. Robert indicated that this was a possibility. He stated that it brings a better touch if there is a personal affect to you and especially if you are a resident in that particular riding.

PSAC will be working closely with the BC Federation of Labour in the upcoming provincial election.

Jennifer mentioned that there are other campaigns going on such as the Child Care, Fair Wages etc. Encourage people to sign up and help promote these issues.

Sue Hammell, MLA for Green Timbers will be retiring. She was a great supporter who attended a number of rallies in the area.

Jennifer mentioned that volunteers are being sought for the Metro Vancouver Alliance.

## **6. WFVAC Bylaws**

These will be worked on and changes to be made.

**Action:** Robert will be sending out an email to local affiliates asking for any suggested changes and that they should respond before January 30. Proposed changes will be sent to the locals before February 10 and then presented at the meeting in February. Jenn will arrange to meet with those interested on January 31.

## **7. Education**

Robert went over some of the courses available in the region. There will be three separate webinars on resolution writing. This is in anticipation to the regional convention in June.

There is a course offered with Monica Uruttia facilitating. Creating Workplace Change for Employment Equity. Currently there is not enough registered for this and is in danger of being cancelled. Encouraged individuals to register.

TUB course coming up and a course on Convention Procedures.

All of these courses are posted on the PSAC Regional Website.

## **8. Events**

The December 6<sup>th</sup> vigil was well attended despite the snow and -10C weather. The speakers were well received and delivered a very effective message. Bob Jackson was present as well.

Because of the cold weather, for next year a proposal will be to do this event indoors. The intent will be to make this event more interactive for those who attend.

CLIFF movie night was successful for the one evening, the other evening had to be cancelled due to the weather.

## **9. Geographic Coordinator Report**

No report was provided.

## **10. Regional Convention**

The convention will be on June 16 – 18, 2017. Resolutions, delegates and observers must be in before March 15, 2017.

Finance Reports must be in before March 1, 2017.

## **11. New Business – Change in Area Council reporting structure.**

Monique indicated that it would be more suitable for people who live in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge to attend the West Fraser Valley Area Council rather than the East Fraser Valley. The West is more accessible to those who live in these areas.

**Action:** Monique will work with Robert to draft a resolution to be presented at the regional convention.

## **12. Food Bill**

*Motion to pay the food bill in the amount of \$246.54. Moved by Monique and seconded by Georges. Carries.*

## **13. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2017 which will be our Annual Meeting. It will be held at the ABC Restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.