

PSAC-West Fraser Valley Area Council
June 12, 2017
Knight and Day Restaurant
9677 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC

Present: Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 20088) via telephone; Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050); Georges Tenn (UTE Local 20050); Monique Bakker (UHEW Local 20147); Samina Anwar (CEIU Local 20910); Susie Blyth (CEIU Local 20964); Anne D'Cruz (CEIU *****)

Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative)

Regrets: Shirley Torres (UNE Local 20278); Johann Ackermann (UTE Local 20029); Warren Wulff (NRCAN Local 20088); Bob Jackson (REVP)

Recorder: Susie Blyth

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented moved by Monique and seconded by Samina . Carried.

3. Adoption of Previous Minute

Motion to adopt the minutes of February 27, 2017 Moved by Samina, seconded by Susie. Carried

4. Finance Report

As of today, Georges has the bank statement as to the end of May 2017. We have \$6722.00 in the bank. Georges reviewed the recent budget. Georges provided the bank register for January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017. Georges indicated that a cheque will have to be issued to PSACBC to cover the cost of the basket. Kristen is taking care of the basket. Prepare the cheque today so that Robert can take it today.

Motion to prepare a cheque in the amount of \$100 to cover the cost of the basket donation. Moved by Georges and seconded by Susie. Carried.

5. Political Action

Jennifer talked about the on-going lobby for MPs. Richard and Jennifer continue doing that. Jennifer would like to see more members involved in the lobbying. Jennifer suggested that there could maybe be training on political action and has looked to Robert Strang on the training. Robert states that it looks like the NDP and Greens will go together. 42/43 voters voted for change.

17% Greens

47% NDP

38% Liberal

Discussion on corruption in BC. Corporate and Union donations would be banned. Political Action is important. This is a chance for positive changes. Every vote counts. Leader of the Federal Conservative Party is Andrew Scheer.

Richard – Fair Wages

Georges – paper – 20.67 living wage

Jennifer – if we do training, Bill C27

Robert – change pensions does not affect PSAC. Change defined benefits to targeted benefits affects the security of pensions.

Richard – Baby boomers of coming of age

Monique – referendum on our pension – claw back. Last one was back in the 60's.

Robert – Patrick Bragg is getting material together. Also, History on Unions/Labour History in Canada, as it is Canada 150. Also, 150 years of Colonization.

Richard – Labour history museum in Ottawa. They have videos possible for purchase. Talks about the RAND formula.

Monique – Mike Ballard

Robert – We have a RAND video. It's about ½ hour. Handwritten materials for Pride and Fusion.

Monique – would like a sign up schedule for sign-up.

Jennifer – if Monique has a time slot in mind, let her know.

Monique - July 22-23 – Fusion. Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge MP is now NDP, but would like someone to go with her for the first time.

6. Education

Warren is absent.

Robert – courses are now done for the year. New schedule will be out in the Fall. BC Fed has something for Youth. Some advanced courses from January to April 2018.

Representation, fighting for Women's Rights, Aboriginal Rights, Check PSACBC Education page for details.

7. Events

Robert – Jessica Karic will be the one for take down etc. For the Pride.
Jennifer = PSAC will have a booth in Cloverdale July 1st 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and are asking if anyone from WFVAC can “man” the booth. Richard stated he is available for 2 hours. Jennifer asked Robert to send out information for the WFVAC to man the booth. Jennifer indicated that her clubhouse is available for a possible BBQ in July. Jennifer asked that a separate email be sent out regarding the Fusion Festival. Monique asked if we were going to have a break-out.

8. New Business

Richard asked if we wanted to discuss any conference resolutions, but we do not have them available as they have not been printed out. Jennifer asked if people wanted to talk about the resolutions. They want to change the # of delegates; up to 100 people. You get one delegate, 150 people you get 2 delegates. Funding to the PSAC Regional Budget would need to increase which would result in a dues increase.
Area Council Funding. Locals don't have to pay dues to be a member. National should provide better funding to the Area Councils.
By-Laws 2nd Alternate REVP. Hoping to get second Alternate.

9. Food Bill

Motion to pay the food bill in the amount of \$160.00 including Tip. Moved by Georges and seconded by Anne. Carried.

10. Child Care

Motion to pay Monique's childcare of \$67.50. Moved by Susie and seconded by Samina. Carried.

11. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on September 18, 2017 at the Knight and Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.