

BC Mainland Young Workers Committee

March 5, 2015

Present: Maggie, Harpreet, Craig, Monica (staff)

By phone: Shawna

Regrets: Daphne

Called to order at 6:25pm

Approval of Previous Minutes from Jan 28 2015

Maggie moved to approve minutes as amended and Harpreet seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Old Business

Update on committee funding

Committee financials were submitted on time but no word on when an allocation will be received as of the meeting today. We do have money available for planned events. Monica will follow up with REVP office about the allocation.

Reports from those who attended CLC Winter School and Activist School

No reports have been submitted to the Committee.

Regional Survey (update)

The survey will be launched on April 7, and run until May 2. Prize suggestions were for something consumable from a company with a presence province-wide like a coffee/gas card. The request for prizes will be made to the region.

Social Activity (update and planning)

The Committee decided to move the March social event to Thursday April 9 at 6pm to allow more time to advertise to members. Harpreet has been in contact with REVS and will continue to work on this event.

Fight for \$15 Campaign

Craig attended the BC Fed committee meeting today and gave a brief report.

The Campaign focus is on creating a strong network and community of workers focusing on areas with high concentrations of minimum/low wage workers. Lots of outreach and events are happening at transit hubs like Commercial-Broadway, SFU, and Metrotown.

The theme of March events on the 15th is poverty and bringing attention to what living in poverty looks like and how living wages can help. Window clings are being made available for business already paying \$15/hour or living wages. The committee is working on identifying a

corporate target on which to focus some events. Another event will be on March 16 in Victoria to coincide with BCTF AGM – going to go to BC Legislature.

The Committee was encouraged to gather its members to help support the next outreach activity on April 15 by attending and bringing refreshments.

Maggie moved to spend up to \$40 towards refreshments for the April 15 Fight for 15 event and Craig seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Funding for PSAC National Triennial Convention (NTC)

Committee has been advised that we are not allowed to fund observers to NTC. Background: the previous National President ruled that Area Councils could not fund observers to NTC and the current National President is expected to make a similar ruling for Regional Committees.

Correspondence

UNYA sent a thank-you letter for our donation.

New business

BCMYWC Swag

Swag can only be ordered in large batches and can be quite expensive. Please email Maggie with ideas. We discussed the mohrgoodideas.com website for folks to peruse for ideas. It is a unionized provider that the PSAC BC Region has used in the past. We normally go with union made products. Also, don't forget we still have YW t-shirts that can be given out at events, just let Monica know if you need them.

Next Social Activity

The next social event to be planned will be a Whitecaps game – the season starts on Saturday. Tentatively working with July 26 – 4pm. Craig will look into a group rate and start the planning process.

Regional update

The regional proposal was approved for 12000 and there will be 4500 from REVP to make up for the difference from the original request of 16500. Requests can be made for help with the social events from this money. Vanessa would like to schedule a call with the Working Group to review plans and allocate money. Tentative possible dates – March 24 or 25. With the tentative dates provided by the committee, Monica will now canvass the VIYWC.

\$12000 from 2013 is here in the region but has not been spent due to an error. This error means that there will be enough funds for a regional conference in 2016.

Upcoming activities

March 11, The Ukranian Hall between 5 and 7 PM for refreshments and a bargaining update and Q&A session with Gail Lem, PA Table Lead Negotiator.

March 19 solidarity activities: different things planned - check psacbc website.

Transit referendum

PSAC is encouraging members to do research and to make an informed vote but is not telling members how to vote. The Metro Vancouver Alliance (PSAC is a member) is holding information sessions – emails are being sent out as the events happen. Please vote!

Next meeting date: June 3, 6pm

Maggie moved to adjourned

Seconded by Harpreet

Passed

Adjournment 7:35pm