

VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE

June 24, 2021

All committee members attending remotely

ATTENDEES

Charles Walker - President, DCL 20500
Scott Mathieson - Vice President, UNDE 21011
Emily Craddock - Secretary, CEIU 20975
Bronwyn Heney-Treasurer, UNDE 21008
Michelle Breckner- CEIU 20912
Kelsey Alton- UNDE 1008
Danielle Dardengo-UNDE 21011
Kala Souter -UNDE 21011
Terri D'Souza (YW Coordinator BC)-AGR 20044
James Little-PSAC Victoria Regional Representative

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Charles and a round of introductions is conducted.

AGENDA REVIEW

Charles runs through the Agenda and states that he would like to address making some sort of VI YW Facebook Page to the agenda. Michelle brought up that her local component number was incorrect in the previous minutes, Emily amended. Scott motioned to approve previous minutes (with Michelle's component number amended) Bronwyn seconds.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bronwyn mentioned she has gathered information regarding changing the committee's banking signing authority. She believes Kala and Danielle (as the former President and Treasurer) need to phone a number and request the signing authority be changed and then we can give the bank the minutes proving they are no longer in those roles. As of March we had \$4,722 in the bank. James mentioned that from the regional office's perspective that they'd prefer if we could request electronic statements from the bank

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS SOCIETY DONATION

Emily raises (per the agenda item) her suggestion that the Vancouver Island Young Workers Committee make a donation to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) in light of the recent discoveries of both mass graves and unmarked grave sites of Residential School victims throughout Canada. Danielle confirmed that the line item for donations is \$500. The committee voted to make a donation of \$400 to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society.

SWAG

Scott shares with the committee a quote he has received from "Mohr Good Ideas" for buttons, tote bags, and notebooks totalling a cost of \$2,385.41. The current line item for swag in our budget is \$2,000. If we wanted to approve this purchase, we would have to move \$385.41 into our budget for swag. Bronwyn stated that if we make this purchase, between that and the donation we will have \$1,955.81 left in our budget as we currently know it. Terri mentioned that she also sat in on the Mainland/Haida Gwaii YW meeting last month and stated that they are also in the beginning stages of getting swag made up and perhaps we could share getting one big "PSAC BC Young Workers Committees" swag order in. James asked if we had received our 2021 budget allocation yet, Bronwyn was unsure as she didn't see it reflected in the bank statements she has access to. James suggested that it may be more bang for our buck financially to partner with Mainland/Haida Gwaii and if we both throw a couple thousand bucks towards swag it might be better to create a more general swag order and share with Mainland/Haida Gwaii. Scott went over quotes for costs and minimum orders on the three swag items and what the next allocations of amounts are and what those costs become when you order more items. For example ordering twice the amount of buttons doesn't correlate to half the cost. Terri will approach the Vancouver Island/Haida Gwaii Young Workers committee and ask them if they would like to go in with us on a swag order. This agenda item will be tabled until the next meeting to give Terri a chance to talk to Mainland Haida Gwaii about splitting costs but after that we will be moving forward.

LABOUR DAY GATHERING

Charles brought up that with Covid restrictions loosening we might want to look into some sort of Labour Day Gathering. James mentioned that normally the Victoria Labour Council holds a Labour Day picnic, he will get in contact with them to see if it will be moving forward this year and if we could piggyback on that.

SUMMIT DELEGATE SELECTION

There will be a one day BC Area Council and BC Regional Committee summit on July 15th and we need to select two delegates from our committee. Emily, Bronwyn, and Kala are already attending and Scott has other obligations. Charles will attend for sure and will check with Curtis Martin (unable to attend this evening) if he was interested in representing for us. If Curtis is unable to attend, Michelle will try and get approval to go.

ROUND TABLE

The committee spoke about making sure that dates are set and confirmed with Rosemary for future meetings in a timely manner to ensure they do not conflict with other committees and so the regional office has enough time to send out invites/set up zoom calls. There was discussion around starting a Vancouver island Young Workers Committee Facebook page. There is currently a closed/private group that has shared events in the past but is currently not really active. James says that if we wanted to create a public Facebook page for the VI YW purposes we would have to run it through Patrick Bragg to make sure it was all done correctly. Emily stated that she would be comfortable sharing information on a public facebook page should one come to fruition. Danielle spoke briefly about her experience at the Canadian Labour Congress convention and how it was interesting because it seemed like a lot of longtime activists there were retiring or moving on to other opportunities.

CLOSING

Emily moves to close the meeting at 8:54 pm, Scott Seconds.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Our next meeting date has been set for July 29, 2021 at 7pm via zoom.