

East Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes

September 16 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Start 6:02 pm

Quorum was met

In attendance:

Patty Ducharme, PSAC Area Representative

Antony Paller, President, Local 20049

Amanda MacKinnon, Vice President, Local 2B086

Heidi Kay, Secretary, Local 20040

Alan Otrosina, USJE Local 20141

Stacey Gauthier, USJE Local 20156

Tony O'Hara, USJE Local 20130

Laura Wildly, USJE Local 20054

Regrets: Nancy Burton, Treasurer

Review of Agenda

Antony asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Adoption of Minutes

Antony asked if everyone received the minutes from the previous meeting and if any changes were needed. As there were none Antony motioned for the minutes to be accepted as presented.

Moved by Amanda

Seconded by Alan

Motion carried

FINANCIAL UPDATE

No financial updates at this time as Nancy is not in attendance.

FEDERAL ELECTION

- Reminder to everyone to go out and vote. You are deciding your employer for the next 4 years.
- Liberal and Conservatives are close and NDP are trailing behind.
- Information is available at CBC's Pole Tracker to let you know if your riding is a tight righting between parties. East Fraser Valley –Mission is a tight riding.
- If you are still undecided take a look at the voting records of the party leaders. It is really important to know how your party leaders have historically voted on issues that are important to you.

DISCUSSION REGARDING AGM 2022

- All changes to the Executive, minutes and financials need to be in by the end of February 2022.
- The Treasurer and President positions will be up for elections this year .
- Patty will post the date of the AGM 30 days in advance.
- Date of February 10, 2022 was decided upon.
- We will schedule the 4 meetings for the 2022 year at the AGM.

PSAC TRIENNAL CONVENTION

- As EFVAC has met the requirements we are EFVAC is entitled to send 1 delegate and 2 alternates. These will be decided on at the November 18th meeting.

EDUCATION UPDATE

- Virtual TUB (Talking Union Basics) was offered twice this fall.
- Grievance handling courses are coming up on the following dates : Oct 15-17 and Oct 28-30.
- Local Officer's Training is upcoming.

ROUNDTABLE

Amanda – no comments

Heidi – no comments

Laura- no comments

Stacy- A big thanks to Patty Ducharme, PSAC Regional Representative and Jamey Mills, PSAC BC Vice President for attending the USJE President's Meeting in September this year.

Tony- Looking forward to seeing everyone in New Foundland for the USJE Triennial Convention. Also thanks to Patty and Jamey for coming to the President's meeting.

Alan – Anxious to bring some labour activities to the local sites as soon as we can do it safely.

Patty- Announced a few staffing changes.

- Sharon Barbour has left to do a 1 yr assignment in Nova Scotia. Evert Ryland will be acting as Health and Safety Officer in her place.
- Patty will be taking a 6 week leave starting September 17th. There will be someone covering her when she is gone. Expect an email in the next week with the name of the person who will be filling in until her return.
- Patty will check in November to see if we are able to have an in person meeting if possible. It will depend on the COVID numbers and a reminder that all participants would be required to be vaccinated.
- All Local Presidents will be contacted by the person who is filling in for Patty to get the name if the official delegate for their local.
- National Women's Conference is coming up next week and the National Equity Conference is coming up in November. Regional Activist's Summit is coming up but no date as of yet.

Antony - Reminder to all to get out and vote. An email has been sent to all employees letting them know that they have should have 3 hours free to vote. If you do not have 3 hours free during the voting hours you to speak with your manager.

Alan motioned that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Amanda

Motion carried: 6:53 adjourned.