

6:30 meeting called to order

Roll Call:

Richard May UHEW-STSE 20090

Nickie Dagasso CEIU 20947

Amy Robson CFIA 20064

Bert Farewell UCTE 20220

Megan Ballantyne Guest - Certified Dental Assistant

Heather Holdsworth PSAC BC Organizer

Megan Adam acting PSAC Rep

Mariah Moraes USJE

Deb Foster CEIU 20941

Jessica Dagasso CEIU 20947 (Guest)

Trish Martin CEIU 20975

Camille Soper

Krista Wood CEIU 20947

Agenda

Moved by Nickie Dagasso

Seconded by Bert Farwell

Richard May acknowledged the land/territory we live, work, and play on.

Minutes from June 05, 2022 everyone reviewed minutes.

Moved by Richard May

Seconded by Bert Farwell

Old Business

Ginger Goodwin Event - Mariah Moraes could not attend the event, and confirmed her local covered the cost of the event. The event had a lower turnout than at past events. Richard May thanked Mariah and her local for covering the event. Richard suggested low participants numbers could be due to COVID-19.

Mobilization:

Richard May advised there is a Thursday Downtown Market in Nanaimo, and it is a good opportunity to have an information booth at. Bert Farwell asked if there was a cost, and Richard believes it is nominal, and will email everyone once he finds out about the cost, and the duration of the market. Krista Wood asked the duration of the market. Richard will have more information. Bert confirmed we do have a PSAC tent that is located in the Nanaimo office as well as two tables.

Trish Martin suggested some ideas. Victoria Area Council (VAC) has a table at the Saanich Fair September 3, 4, and 5th, 2022. Richard May advised that if any member want to volunteer at the Saanich Fair booth, he can arrange rides. Trish suggested having Saturday coffee dates with members. Richard May asked how VAC pays for this, and Trish advised one member covers the cost and then is reimbursed by VAC.

Bert Farwell can submit a budget request for BBQs. Bert also suggested an Area Council Summit to fine tune how we operate, and do treasurer paperwork. The Mobilization Summit held in June (Vancouver BC) helped us to learn how to be a united front. Bert advised the request for a Public Interest Commission (PIC) was accepted last week. Camille Soper is frustrated about the PIC and what it actually accomplishes. BCGEU had a 94.7% membership strike vote that helps signal the employer that members are ready to strike. Camille will have coffee break meetings at work with members, and has a JLP in October for all new members to attend. Bert congratulated Camille on her enthusiasm and hopes the PIC will move Treasury Board negotiations forward.

Round Table (RT):

Camille Soper had no RT.

Deb Foster advised members at CEIU Local 20941 the Service Canada Centre and Consolidated office in Victoria are experiencing higher volumes of abuse from clients due to the Passport situation. Members are being continually asked to either work Saturdays or at the end of June (27-30th) to work beyond core hours 4:00 pm to possibly 10:00 PM. Richard May agreed members are suffering.

Nickie Dagasso suggested bring a friend to the next meeting.

Krista Wood had no RT.

Megan Adams is looking for coordinators for Victoria. Trish is looking after the downtown Victoria offices, and will soon be having mobilization calls. We need to formalize structure. The mood is there for our members to take action. Camille Soper is coordinator for North Vancouver Island.

Jessica Dagasso wanted to talk about Roe vs Wade, and Bert suggested to bring this topic to the Human Rights Race Relations and Womens' committees to be as inclusive as possible.

Bert Farwell advised Vancouver is having a meet and greet BBQ for members, and Richard May nominated Bert to coordinate this for Vancouver Island. Camille Soper, and Mariah Moraes suggested a BBQ at Kin Park. Bert asked Camille and Mariah to let him know about the cost.

Bert Farwell moved to adjourn meeting. Krista Wood seconded. All in favour.
Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Next meeting August 05th, 2022.