

## **East Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes**

June 23, 2022

Meeting held at White Spot, Watcom Road Abbotsford

Start 6:36 pm

Quorum was met

In attendance:

Patty Ducharme, PSAC Area Representative

Antony Paller, President

Amanda MacKinnon, Vice President

Stacey Gauthier, Treasurer

Heidi Kay, Secretary

Alan Otrosina, Local 20141

Jessica Stoeckli, Local 20038

Trista Otorowski Local 20040

### **Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from April 22, 2022 were reviewed.

Heidi moved for the minutes to be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Alan.

Motion carried.

Minutes from May 19, 2022 were reviewed.

Heidi moved for the minutes to be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Amanda.

Motion carried.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Antony asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions were made but it was agreed to defer the discussion around the BC Lion activity to the next meeting.

Amanda motioned the agenda be adopted as presented.

Seconded by Alan

Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Stacey presented the current financial statement for April and May. The only charges to the account has been 4.95 each month for bank fees.

April balance at end of month is 3045.75

May balance at end of month is 3035.85.

EFVAC has received a cheque from PSAC for the amount of 1204.75 bring us to a total of 4240.60 as of today's date.

Stacey moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Alan.

Motion carried.

### **PSAC Triennial Convention**

Discussion around the event being held as a virtual event and the challenges that were experienced by the delegates at the conference. Stacey presented a list of the resolutions that were expected to be discussed and how few of them actually made it to the floor discussion and vote. Stacey and Heidi both expressed disappointment in how little was able to be accomplished considering the cost of the holding this convention.

### **Mobilization**

Alan discussed the mobilization conference and the great information that was shared with attendees. He stressed the need to start talking to our members on the cost of not assertive with our demands with bargaining at this time. We will be facing an austerity budget in the spring and the cost of living is raising so quickly we have, in effect, had a pay cut. Discussed working out the actual cost in dollars for members based on their position and that this may help members understand the actual loss each month.

Alan asked if we could identify members in our workplace who are natural leaders that other staff will listen to. We should be trying to recruit these members to help us reach out and educate others.

#### Upcoming Summer Mobilization Events

Patty has managed to procure 2 coolers and has them in her office ready to use for our ice cream outreach campaign.

Discussed possible locations as follows:

Agassiz Research Centre

Mountain and Kent Institution – 2 nd weekend after Labour Day?

Department of Agriculture – fall ?

Parole Office – date?

Matsqui Institution- Aug /July

KHV – date?

Border Services – {Huntington/Aldergrove} – Sept?

#### **Labour Day Picnic**

Discussion around numbers, gathering of some swag and handing out ice cream. Patty, Alan and Amanda to attend. Discussed getting some BC PSAC flags that members could sign showing their support for PSAC and the bargaining teams.

#### **Roundtable**

**Alan-** Reminded us that Essential Service Agreements have not be completed. They need to be completed to able to effectively mobilize.

**Amanda-** nothing to add

**Patty-** Stated that she is looking forward to retirement early in the new year.

**Antony-** nothing to add

**Stacey-** nothing to add

**Heidi-** nothing to add

**Trista –** nothing to add

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Alan Otrosina

Motion carried

Meeting concluded at 8:31 pm

Next meeting at 6:30pm White Spot, Whatcom Road, Abbotsford.