

PSAC BC West Fraser Valley Area Council
Annual General Meeting (AGM) Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Via Zoom

Present:

Mike Reeves (President) USHE 20086, Monique Bakker (Treasurer) UHEW 20147, Celine Ahodekon (Vice-President) Local 20278 UNE, Nerissa Hermosura (Secretary) UTE Local 20029, Susie Blyth (CEIU 20964); Kim Reeves (UTE 20029), Randhir Mehrotara

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Mike Reeves called meeting to order.
2. Indigenous acknowledgement: Mike did the land acknowledgement, also recognized members and guests.
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - Monique put a motion to add under no. 9 (new business) for executive to meet before the general meeting or prior to the meeting if there are matters for discussion; seconded by Celine, carried.
4. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting
 - Three (3) corrections to be done on the minutes of May 19: last name of Michelle to be added, removal of 5ii, and correction on 5iii from 2 baskets to 3 baskets.
 - M/S Monique/Celine, carried
5. Financial Report
 - Opening balance as of last meeting (19 May 2023) was \$2224.81
 - Payment of \$224 to Susie for PSAC baskets; deposits of \$1700 from PSAC
 - \$57.50 for last meeting's childcare for Monique did not need to be paid back so it was returned to the bank account
 - Ending book balance as of today \$3,719.81.
 - M/S Monique/Celine, adopted
6. Political Action / Events
 - Start planning for Dec 6 Vigil to be held at the Holland Park, Surrey
 - Susie mentioned that it was a joint event with New West Labour Council, with a speaker from the City of Surrey, PSAC rep came out as well, and there we have indigenous woman for opening remarks; she will provide more information to Mike.
 - Mike to connect with the New West Labour Council
 - Celine mentioned that we collect donation for women's shelter such as toiletries

- Monique - \$100 was given to the speaker last year, also have to find a ceremonial blanket for her; also mentioned the need of megaphone and individuals to host the event.
 - M/S Monique/Celine to have a meeting to finalize the donation details (we can spend up to \$1500), and how to accomplish the tasks for the vigil; carried
 - Robert to bring the sound system, transport people from Vancouver if needed, Jamie Mills can also participate/speak; to advise Kristin Schnider (communication person) about it for media contact.
 - Celine mentioned that last year we invited a speaker from KPU, Balbir Gurm; also suggested of the possibility of dividing the money for the women's shelter in Abbotsford and Surrey; there was a coffee/hot chocolate donation from Tim Hortons last year.
 - Randhir mentioned that Balbir Gurm is a trustee and the dean of the nursing program in KPU; mentioned we can reach out to a community event organizer from the City of Surrey and look for a possibility of fund raising.
7. Discussion of resolutions from this AC (if any) for the 2024 PSAC National Triennial Convention
- No resolution forwarded; Robert suggested we could prepare in advance next time.
 - Robert to send to Randhir some resolution from other committees for reference.
8. Education – courses are online
- PSAC website provides the list of online education program such as Introduction to Unions, Union Leadership Development Program, Grievances, Writing Effective Resolutions, Anti-Racism and Stewards' Resources, etc.
9. New Business
- M/S Monique/Celine to pay the caregiver of Monique (\$23/hour), carried
 - M/S Kim/Celine below, carried.
 - * meeting minutes to be sent out to executive 30 days prior to the next meeting for review;
 - * the executives have 4 days to send back any concerns to be discussed prior to the meeting;
 - * if there are concerns, an executive only meeting to be scheduled 1 week prior to the executives/members meeting on Thursday, Oct 16, if needed.
 - Susie to email info about the vigil to Mike.
10. Roundtable
- Celine is organizing a Dec vigil in Abbotsford and requested a donation
 - Monique said this is to be talked on the Oct 16 meeting after the amount of total donation to be spent is finalized
 - Susie suggested posters for the vigil; Robert to contact Kristin for them.
11. Proposed next meeting date
- Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023, at 6pm; Robert to set up the zoom meeting
12. Adjournment
- 7:08pm adjourned