

Victoria Area Council Meeting January 16, 2024

In attendance:

Trish Martin President- CEIU 20975

Ian Wiggs Treasurer- UNDE 21008

Leanne Hughes Scribe – CIU 20042

Ernest Hooker VP – UCTE 20220

Denis St Onge UNE 20280

Warren Wulff UHEW 20076

Kahla Lichti UNDE 21016

Marcelo Lazaro UNDE 21016

Danielle Dardengo UNDE 21011

Nielene Chand PSAC Staff

Because of the snow warning Trish Martin allowed extra time for people to get to the meeting which is being held hybrid due to the weather situation changing tonight.

The meeting was called to order at 1801 hours.

President Trish Martin informed us that REVP BC Jamey Mills is supposed to pop into the meeting at some point. Will do finances but only a draft of the budget to be discussed/ will be passed at the next meeting which will be the AGM in February.

Motion to accept the agenda.

Mover Marcelo Lazaro

Seconded Ernest Hooker

None opposed, passed.

Minutes from the November 2023 meeting

Mover Ian Wiggs

Seconded Warren Wulff

None opposed, passed.

Ian Wiggs moved his financial report and gave an update on the finances.

Have \$2253.07

\$280.00 outstanding

Total available funds \$1973.07

Motion to accept the financial report seconded by Marcelo Lazaro

None opposed, passed.

Question on one of the cheques, Treasurer Ian Wiggs explained.

What followed was a preview of the budget for the Saanich Fair more than \$900 was spent last year we should increase this to \$1050 dollars and we are looking at doing a combined event with the North Island , we will need a separate line item for the ball game we should increase mobility to \$2000 and lower the combined event with the North Island to \$1000 PSAC is holding back an amount for 2023 till our bank account gets lower.

Event planning March we will re-start solidarity Saturdays at the coffee shops Warren Wulff has mentioned one in Sidney,

We have used Admiral kinder cup (not a chain) 4 hours, get to see 10 to 30 members engage and mobilize, union, community and can give updates on courses and training.

Marcelo Lazaro noted that there's a coffee shop below the new PSAC office and Warren Wulff liked the idea because it would show members where the new PSAC office is. Trish Martin President spoke about the summer, having a picnic and pride parade possibly to travel to Nanaimo and to Duncan to help celebrate their pride parades, Duncan's which is a new event. Considering having a bowling night or movie night with the young workers, the young workers needed to remotion their events and get access to their bank accounts.

Discussion around having a fun night, invite the North Island, bowling will be successful council meets monthly and can come up with more events. Trish Martin talked about the Saanich Fair takes a lot of people to make it successful, also will be attending the Labour Day picnic in Esquimalt, we'll have a table there and do both events.

Kahla and Cosmo were there at Esquimalt, and we need volunteers for both. We need more volunteers who would like to alleviate the double or tripling up and have a couple volunteers for Esquimalt Labour Day Picnic, usually have 3 or 4 hour shifts at the Saanich Fair, volunteers there are provided with a lunch voucher. Discussion around getting swag but not whistles, Trish said that the whistles were packaged as safety whistles and not given to kids.

Discussion around Canada life are there some members being denied because their AC1 is not high enough, call wait times, need to prove that prescriptions are needed. Warren brought up the fact that there are real problems, brands versus generic. Trish suggested we could have a generic survey that could go Kristin Schneider PSAC BC Political and communications officer. Trish Martin to follow that up at the upcoming summit. Leanne brought up that some people can't get registered due to the wait times. There is an office in Vancouver, and one in Ottawa.

Ian Wiggs brought up that retired members are also having problems. Trish Martin had heard that from retired members also. Danielle Dardengo suggested emailing the office because other solutions aren't working.

Round table:

Ernest Hooker nothing, Ian Wiggs on the website the NPF members are on strike, problems on the base because of nepotism no advancement no competition. Marcelo Lazaro NPF plus posting for IMP Comox for SAR helicopters and in Gander, is there a work site we could picket or beef up their picket line?

Warren Wulff- discussion around the movie film fest was not sold out.

Trish Martin -Looking at bylaw changes, Area council going to work on it. Trish wants it for the March meeting, Angela sent it out.

Warren Wulff mentioned Regional Council / Area council February second in Burnaby. Warren will be at the BC Fed \Climate justice at Harrison, will get to take part in union winter school.

Danielle Dardengo wants to start attending young workers meetings and talk about the combined events.

Kahla Lichti-fields are booked up, Richard May was talking to Kahla about the Child Find tournament and possibly having an area council team at that baseball tournament.

Discussion around the AGM and other events, the women's committee is meeting February 16th, Young Workers are meeting February 9th, Human Rights are meeting January 29th, North Vancouver Island is meeting February 13th.

Discussion around how to support the strike with NPF and the IMP members in Comox. Trish Martin discussed members from CEIU have been put in the Canada Life dental call center regarding bathroom breaks, they must take sick leave for bathroom breaks, they still want details and there's a bunch of grievances around it, could be duty to accommodate. Trish Martin has been asked to sit on the general resolution committee for the PSAC triennial convention, they'll be having nine days in Ottawa she's hoping to push the Victoria area council resolutions, hopes to share when she's allowed to and she's super excited for the opportunity. February 20th will be the Victoria area council AGM, at that time Trish will be traveling to Ottawa but at the meeting they'll be going over the budget and the election of the vice president and the election of the scribe. Trish and Warren talked about how successful their site visits were. Kahla mentioned the Michael Donaghy slow pitch tournament in August. Nielene Chan wanted to promote the access summit registration has been opened till January 29th, the 2SLGBTQIA+ summit registration is open till the end of February for registration. Marcelo, Kayla and Warren usually attend the Victoria District labour council, discussion around affiliation cost and next district labour council meeting is at 7:00 PM via zoom. Leanne Hughes nothing else, Warren Wulff nothing else. Hopefully Jamey will make it to our AGM.

See you on February 20th. Motion to adjourn, none opposed meeting adjourned at 1855.

