

WFVAC Meeting

April 29, 2024

Hybrid

In-person: Ricky's All Day Grill, 17830 56 Ave., Surrey, BC

Chair: Mike Reeves

Minutes: Susie Blyth

In-person: Mike Reeves, USJE 20086; Susie Blyth, CEIU 20964

Virtual: Monique Bakker, UHEW 20147; Celine Ahodekon, UNE 20278; Dina Elias, CEIU 20910

PSAC Representative: Robert Strang

Regrets: Nerissa Hermosura, UTE 20029; Zita Lambert, UTE 20007

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Mike provided the Land Acknowledgement

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented

M/S: Monique/Celine **Adopted**

FINANCES

Monique provided the Financials as follows:

Shares: \$ 112.63 no change

Opening Balance: \$2424.41

\$ 226.98 reimbursement for meal – AGM February 26, 2024

\$.90 e-transfer fee

\$2000.00 deposit – PSAC allocation

Closing Balance: **\$4196.53**

Motion to approve the Financials as presented:

M/S: Monique/Celine **Approved**

Mike indicated that he had submitted an email to the coordinator of the Surrey Fusion Festival in March but has not received approval of a table. Mike will contact the alternate contact for Surrey Fusion Festival. Mike asked about the fee of \$1500 for the table. Monique indicated that she thought this fee

was shared with the BC Federation of Labour and that PSAC paid for the WFVAC portion. Surrey Fusion Festival takes place on July 20 & 21, 2024.

Mike talked about Labour Day activities with the District Labour Council as well as the December Vigil.

Robert indicated that there may be labour action in mid-June with CBSA. He indicated that the airport and borders are far apart in bargaining. CBSA is waiting on the PIC (Public Interest Commission) Report

Monique suggested having cards at the Surrey Fusion Festival booth which can be sent to the MP asking for support with CBSA. Also suggest QR codes on the cards. Suggested delivering coffee/donuts for CBSA like we did during COVID-19

Robert indicated that Fusion Festival may be too late as it isn't until July and labour action would be around June 10th. Monique indicated that the Political Action budget is \$700 and Social Activities/Membership Support budget is \$400

Motion to spend up to \$400 for FB (Border Services) bargaining support and that this money will come out of the Social Activities/Membership Support Line Item.

M/S: Monique/Susie **Approved**

EDUCATION

Robert advised that Education courses are done for the year. He suggested that if you have courses for the Fall that you are interested in, to pass on to him. PSAC/BC Basic Courses

Celine advised that she has received a call from PSAC Ottawa and that they were doing a survey that local will need to complete.

Robert responded and stated that this was not for locals. It is regarding Local Officer courses and they want to get a sense of what people want for courses. Local development money, roles of the President, secretary and treasurer. They can send information to Robert and customized courses can be set up.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike indicated that there is a member retiring (Susie) and that they have expressed interest in continuing to attend WFVAC meetings and provide advocacy support. Retiree understands that they will no longer have a voice/vote at future meetings.

Proposed next meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024 at Ricky's All Day Grill (address above) at 6:00 pm. For in-person, 5:00 pm dinner

ROUND TABLE

Robert expressed his Thanks to Susie

Monique, Celine & Robert indicated that they would be interested in attending the retirement celebrations at the Dublin. Susie said she would forward the details.

Mike advised Monique that there is no longer a need for a motion for caregiver expenses.

Mike adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm