

South Vancouver Island Area Council Meeting June 18, 2024

Present:

Trish Martin President Area Council CEIU 20975

Monica Racz Vice President Area Council UNDE 21008

Leanne Hughes Scribe Area Council CIU 20042

Warren Wulff UHEW 20076

Danielle Dardengo UNDE 21011

Marcelo Lazaro VP UNDE BC

Gordana Aleksic UNDE 21008

Janet Kirk UCTE 20232

James Little PSAC BC Rep.

Regrets:

Ian Wiggs Treasurer Area Council UNDE 21008

Trish Martin calls the meeting to order at 5:45 PM

Motion to approve the agenda made by asked for by Trish moved by Warren seconded by Marcelo none opposed. Agenda passes.

Financial update given by Trish because Ian had sent his regrets. \$3100 in the account and no May bank statement has arrived yet.

Last minutes that were approved were from January 2024. Will follow up on getting the other minutes out.

Saanich Fair: we need volunteer sheets to go out to all the locals. This year there will be 4-hour shifts. We pay your way in and give you a \$20 per diem. Monica volunteered for one or more shifts and was asked by Trish if she would also be attending the Victoria Labour Day Picnic.

Labour Day Picnic: We had a pretty good turn out last year for the Labor Day picnic. It was across the street from the PSAC office, it went well and had a good turn out so hopefully we'll see that again this year. People at the regional or National or local we are looking for topics or speaking points if there's something important you want to share let us know. The Saanich Fair is a huge educational opportunity for us to inform the public. We can get a lot of information out about PSAC and what we do.

Solidarity Saturdays: Discussion around Solidarity7 Saturdays, it's one Saturday a month and we're going to start with a coffee shop get used to where the location is chance to take the lead on that so I'll get in contact with the local execs and let you know when we can advertise something. I don't mind trying for a Saturday in the summer, we must make sure that the office is available if people want to see the new office. Marcelo and Danielle will help. May do one in

July or August or if not a tester one in September Trying to refocus for the spring/ summer next year. Might co-ordinate dates for Solidarity Saturdays when training is happening.

The PSACBC Education course list will be out shortly.

<https://psacbc.com/course-listings/>

There are picnic table available on the deck at the office for the BBQ being planned.

Trish:

New leadership at PSAC since convention. Sharon DeSousa National President, Alex Silas Executive Vice President, Craig Reynolds is alternate Executive Vice President.

Hoping to get the writing resolution packages for future meetings. Some committees at convention never got up to the front.

Need to change the name of Area Council from Victoria to South Vancouver Island.

Fall resolution writing meeting will be open to anyone.

Trish shared that she learned a lot at convention being on the committee. Learned about small , medium and large campaigns and what that meant. Looking at attending the BCFED convention, there are subsidies available from PSACBC, and also for attending CLC women's school. Meant to help not pay the whole way according to James Little.

Monica looking at her UDP project , a take back the night, has not happened since 2014, looking at revitalizing that , possibly Kamloops, Penticton and Victoria on the same day.

Warren Jessica and Danielle looking at an all candidates meeting in the fall before the provincial election.

Kristin can advise on the limitation of unions' involvement for campaigns etc.

OHS conference is upcoming in October (18-20) in Vancouver.

Upcoming events

Trish-With the new office it would be nice to host a BBQ real family event, movie on big screen for kids, look to next year for ball tournament, have games activities for kids there's picnic tables in the BBQ deck at the office.

Janet Kirk, the lighthouse keeper, did an excellent job of motivating at the mic at convention around a resolution and she did an amazing job. Janet said it was intimidating but phenomenal had a lot of support from UCTE and PSAC, could not have done it without everyone's support.

Budget was confusing for some at the convention, call the question happened fast and then the budget passed.

Confusion at convention over what constitutes a small, medium and large campaign and what that entails. Is it to pay a staffer to donate to an organization that is already doing what we are asking. Some poorly written resolutions did not make it to committees. Some of the asks seemed overpriced for the want that was being sought. Important to do our due diligence and

Speak out if a resolution seems overpriced or if another entity is already doing the work. Important for us as PSAC members to attend the BC Fed convention and the CLC convention. Learn a lot of what is happening in other areas. We have delegate seats available and some subsidies. Have to educate our members on why they may want to attend. Components can also be asked to contribute to help send their delegates to these conventions. We have to learn to ask for the money via subsidies or scholarships to help attend and who to ask to help us attend.

Round Table;

Monica trying to bring awareness for sexual assault regarding an event that has not happened since 2014- just at planning stage, may be reaching out for help on that, more info to follow, Take Back the Night (Jessica, Monica Danielle UDP also looking at an all candidates meeting in October. Looking to James and Kristin to assist on this with their knowledge and involvement being important get the members to see that their vote is important, understand the issues, and that it is important that members are supporting labour friendly parties.

Danielle stressed importance of the connection if you vote conservative provincially and or federally, like we are gearing up for in 2025, important to cohost meetings.

Marcello PSAC bargaining demands are on the website. IMP comox got a market adjustment \$9 an hour increase cost of living adjustment employer often says it your choice where you live, but some have no choice as that is where their family is etc.

Motion to adjourn, none opposed.

Meeting called to a close at 6:33 PM next meeting in July.