

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

November 07th, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm

Quorum was met.

### **In attendance**

Alex (vital) Stuit, PSAC Regional Rep

Julie Kelly, President of EFV Area Council - CIU Local 20045

Amanda McKinnon, Vice President of EFV Area Council - USJE Local 20015

Karen Thind, Treasurer of EFV Area Council - CEIU Local 20903

Tabitha Swanson, Secretary of EFV Area Council - USJE Local 20040

Alan Otrosina, USJE Local 20141

Susanne Dier, CEIU Local 20903

Laura Wildly, USJE Local 20017

Garth Krieger, USJE Local 20011

Krista Tebbutt, USJE Local

Kirsty Havard, RVP USJE 20091

Kendy Micholoski, CIU Local 20045

Lauri Loveland, UNE Local 20088

### **Regrets**

Anthony Paller, AGRI Local 20044

Land Acknowledgment was delivered by Julie

### **Reviewed Agenda**

Alan motioned for the agenda to be approved.

Amanda seconded.

Motion carried.

### **Adoption of Sept 26th Minutes**

Minutes had two changes- noted Julie President of EFV Area council as well as Laura Wildly was in attendance at the meeting.

Julie motioned for the minutes to be accepted with the two changes

Alan seconded.

Motion carried.

Presentation – Lauri Loveland – ULDP

Presentation in the importance of ensuring members lists are correct. Was very informative re resolution strategy's for membership lists. Provided three handouts which included the UMCC agenda submissions and bargaining resolutions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Expenses currently :

Meet and Greet for Racial Justice - \$ 100.00

Total expenses: \$100

Total currently is \$ 2484.23

Still need to complete the closing the TD account which has a total of \$811.28. the other two signers are still needing to go into TD and remove themselves off the account leaving Amanda as the sole signer giving her the ability to close the account. The additional signers were given the date of Nov ember 21<sup>st</sup> to visit the bank to have their names removed from teh account

We still have \$224 left in Mobility for this fiscal as well as \$200 we set aside for donations. With the additional funds of \$300 that was not spent on the Residential School tours as Alan funded the event. That leaves \$725 to be spent on donations for the year. Looking at doing donations to the Food banks, Project Aim and Vigil for Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at the Reach. Look at some of the food banks that will allow the EFV Area Council to volunteer our time with the communities.

Alan moved to donate \$100 to each Food Bank – Hope, Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Mission. Leaving \$150 to the Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil and \$150 to Project Aim.

Kendy Seconded

Motion carried

Looking for the two auditors for the end year in preparations both Alan and Suzanne volunteered

Laura - Questioned with regards to the budget that if we don't spend it, do we lose it.

Karen- If we don't use the funds allocated then the budget for next year would be reviewed and less funds would be given.

Karen motioned for the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented

Laura Seconded

Motion carried

### **President's Report**

Truth and Reconciliation day- At Sardis Park that was put on by Wilma's society was a huge success. Gave us a great opportunity to engage with the public. There were several PSAC members that were at the event.



BC Health and Safety Conference was Oct 18- 20 at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront. It was a great conference focusing on Mental Health and Personal Protective Equipment for Women.

Brush meeting was Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

Julie motioned to accept the President Report

Amanda Second

Motion carried

**New Business:**

Planning for 2025 looking at what we would like to do for the new year.

April – Member Engagement with pottery again. Was a great success last time

June - Indigenous history looking at seeing if Carol would do a blanket exercise

- The EFVAC meeting have an adapted meeting with going over the 7 grandfather teachings, Circle protocols ETC

July/August – Chilliwack Pride & Mission Pride

Sept – Labour day, Truth and Reconciliation day & possible St Mary's Tour again

Oct – Member engagement with the Pumpkin Patch at Alder Acres

Laura – There is a Member engagement that will be coming out on June 28<sup>th</sup> that has Regional Council Support. Its an Arts/Allied event in Penticton looking at getting a bus to drive up there for the event and back as a day trip. Laura Loveland offered to drive the bus

**PSAC Staff Advisor update**

Nov 15 – Deadlines for the Bargaining proposals

PSAC has 16 spots for CLC winter school. Four of those spots are for the Women in Leadership Class. Go to the PSAC website to apply.

Upcoming events/course

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Human Rights Committee Meeting

Nov 16 & 17 – Talking Union Basic in Abbotsford & Advocacy and Representation on Workplace Racism in Victoria.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Women Committee meeting

Nov 30 & Dec 1 – Advance Duty to accommodate in Vancouver

Remote work campaign still going strong

Federal Conference – For Delegates is Nov 25- 29<sup>th</sup>

2025 Education schedule – working on what the East Fraser valley is looking for classes

Working on Revamping Steward Series

Looking at doing UMC course

### **Roundtable**

Alan – Please take a moment to the USJE petition for change to the GECA.

Susanne – Since the last meeting the New President has quit and the Vice President is current the President. Hope that once they get through this transition that they should be good. Has been working with Alex on training for their staff has been great with their new executive.

Kirsty – Bargaining demands are due through the PSAC portal on Nov 15, 2024. There are two recent bargaining demands brought forward from the Women’s committee that she will share to bring forward. Thank you, Alex, for training.

Garth – Younger engagement is a struggle to get them involved. General concerns that it will upset management or potentials of becoming management. They struggle to understand that being involved with the union helps with the growth of being management,

Julie – Motioned to pay the \$ 212.62 for the meal. Seconded by Amanda Motioned carried

Kendy – CAMH survey identified that first responders are not utilizing the crisis lines in the time of need. Why are they not accessing? What’s missing?

Alex – Staffing - Monica is on an Acting Assignment there’s an anticipatory spot for a Health and Safety officer

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 AGM - 6:30 Hybrid Meeting @ White Spot Whatcom Road Abbotsford

Julie motioned for the meeting to be adjourned.

Seconded by Lauri

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm