

**PSAC Vancouver Mainland Human Rights Committee Meeting
Celebrating Asian Heritage Month
Date May 15th, 2014**

From 5pm to 7pm At PSAC Vancouver Regional office

In Attendance:

Tracy Shudo Chair

Jennifer Chieh Ho, Co-Chair

Wendy Bruce, Treasurer

Ken Waldron New BC rep for Person with Disability, he took minutes for this meeting

PSAC Rep Janelle Ho Shing

Bob Jackson, Regional Executive Vice President

Rex Go

Melissa Shih

Shane Polak

Shawna Bundac

Todd Smith

Suwinder Jassal

Ferzana Samani

On the phone were:

Shirley Torres

Celine AHODEKON

Interpreters:

Farha Ladha

Stacey Park

Regrets:

Dean Bordokas

Sargy Chima

Cheryl Oenema

Paul Croes

Tami Grenon

Meeting called to order by the chair at 5:30 pm.

All attendees encouraged to partake of Japanese, Philippine and Chinese food brought as part of Asian awareness theme.

6:10 pm business part of the meeting resumed. Bon Jackson BC REVP in attendance. Sister Tracy introduced some of the new PSAC BC Regional Council members of the 2014 – 2017 mandate who were at the meeting:

PWD Coordinator, Ken Waldron, Sisters Wendy Bruce and Brother Shane Polak as alternates

Racially Visible membership Coordinator, Jennifer Chieh Ho and alternates, Shawna Bundac, and Melissa Shih.

GLBT CoOrdinators alternates, Todd Smith and Jennifer Chieh Ho

Round Table self introductions including on the phone Celine local 20278, Shirley Local 20278.

Minutes of previous meeting, 30 Mar 2014 circulated. The Chair reviewed the details of the proposed budget and other highlights. The HR Committee needs to involve itself with Deaf, Deaf World. **Motioned Wendy. Seconded Jennifer. Carried to adopt minutes as presented.** Financial report. Bank balance as 14 May 2014 \$1,804.38.

Guest speaker, Lorene Oikawa, VP of BCGEU spoke and gave a lot of learning information on the issues of:

Highlights. Japanese Canadian heritage (late 1800's). 1885 the first of the Japanese/Chinese head tax.

1907 major attacks in Vancouver. Caution not to repeat these mistakes when it comes to Temporary Foreign Workers. If a person is good enough to work here, they are good enough to live here. During Second World War about 23 thousand Canadians of Japanese descent removed from the coast. Work with a group; refrain from working for them without first getting their input. Lorene talked about the Asian Canadian Labour Alliance in Vancouver and encouraged PSAC members to join the alliance, Asian Canadian Labour Alliance is on facebook and welcomes all racially visible members to join and participate actively.

The meeting observed 1 minute of silence in respect for Asian casualties and mistreatment in and by Canada.

Jennifer shared information on the 100th anniversary of the Komagata Maru incident. Please visit youtube link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhr1Ucr7qlc> for more information.

There was a request for tickets to be paid for by this committee for Komagata Maru dinner and 1 other event. This was then discussed and voted on.

Motioned by Jennifer to buy four tickets at a maximum of \$200 for people to attend either of these events. Seconded by Rex. **Passed unanimously.**

Reminder from the chair. If members get money to go somewhere from the committee they are expected to report back to this committee.

Reminder that next meeting is an Annual BBQ Wednesday July 9th 2014 at 5:30 ALL invited, notice to be sent out.

Meeting was adjourned close to 7:45

Thanked Brother Ken for coming to meeting and taking minutes.