

PSAC BC Mainland Human Rights Committee
Annual BBO
July 9th, 2014 Minutes of Meeting
held at PSAC Vancouver Regional Office, Vancouver, BC

Attendees:

Tracy Shudo – Chair CEIU
Jennifer Chieh Ho – Co Chair UNE 20088
Wendy Bruce – Treasurer CEIU
Deanna Kimball - PSAC Regional Representative
Robert Hume UTE 20027
Shane Polak UVAE 20045
Shawna Bundac UNE 20088
Juliana Sou CEIU 20729
Theresa Marion UNE 20150
Cheryl Oenema UCTE 20219
Hakam Bhaloo UTE 20050
Melissa Shih Local 20060
Colin Van Haar Local 20060
Wendy Bruce CEIU 20937
Todd Smith AGR 20044
Emma Fleetham UNE 20150
Rex Go CEIU 20974
Juliet Jang Local 20088
Ruby Langan UNE 20150

Interpreter: Stephanie

Regrets:

Bob Jackson
Paul Croes
Shirley Torres

Meeting started at 6:00 pm

Approval of agenda:

- 1) Criteria for funding requests
- 2) Outstanding reports for PSAC BC Mainland sponsored attendees to Komagata Maru events in May
- 3) 27th CLC Convention Report
- 4) 2014 World Pride Human Rights Conference
- 5) Racially Visible Membership meeting report
- 6) Summer events

Minutes from previous meeting approved with the following addition:

Shane Polak as Alternate for the PSAC BC Regional Persons With Disabilities Co-Ordinator
Moved by Tracy, Seconded by Jennifer, carried

- 1) Criteria for funding requests:
Proposal of criteria and application form for future funding requests discussed, formulated and approved by committee and is in effect immediately after the July 9th meeting.
- 2) Outstanding reports for Komagata Maru:
To date, the committee has not received any reports from all PSAC members who attended the Komagata Maru events, sponsored by the Human Rights Committee. It was made very clear to attendees that reports are expected after the events. Jennifer put an enquiry to the REVP's office to see how many members attended so that a follow up can be made to those members.
This will be a standing item at meeting until reports are received.
- 3) 27th CLC Convention Report :
Tracy acknowledged the outstanding report Jennifer submitted. Jennifer thanked the Human Rights Committee for the \$100 contribution to her attendance to the convention. Jennifer provided a brief verbal report and attached herewith a copy of her written

report. Tammy requested for an electronic copy of the report.



4) 2014 World Pride Human Rights Conference:

Jennifer said that she was fortunate enough to receive full funding from her Component, Union of National Employees to attend the conference. She thanked the Human Rights Committee for the funding support of \$100 which she did not end up needing and was happy to return it to the committee budget.

Both Jennifer and Todd shared their experiences at the Conference; lots of activities took



place, plenary with interesting speakers such as International Grand Marshalls, former Prime Minister of Iceland and her wife. The National VP of Human Rights of UNE organised a personal meet and greet session with the

International Grand Marshalls which was exclusive to all UNE and PSAC delegates. Jennifer said she would submit a written report on the conference.

5) Racially Visible Caucus

Jennifer reported that the first Racially Visible Caucus meeting took place on July 3, 2014. Some of the goals for Jennifer were to hold at least two caucuses, to connect and create a direct network with PSAC Racially Visible membership as well as to empower each other and to create opportunities for leadership roles. There are 200 RV self id's members in the PSAC database but she has only direct contact information of 15 – 20 members. Jennifer acknowledged her three alternates; Shawna Bundac, Melissa Shih and Stephen Torng and that she looks forward to working with them closely as well as be connected with more RV members. Lorene Oikawa, former VP of BCGEU was there as a guest speaker who brought many ideas from different angles to the caucus. The next caucus will be held in November of 2014 and a possibility of a movie night, with us making use of November being Film Festival month.

A report of the July 3 caucus is available upon request to Jennifer at chiehhj@psac.com

6) Summer events

Tracy reported that she volunteered at the June 15 Car Free day which was awesome and lots of fun. June 21 was the Aboriginal Peoples Day and another awesome event. She had fun doing face painting at the events and gave away a number of the PSAC “Idle No More” fans/noisemakers.

July 6th Surrey Pride was a success with many volunteers; the day started off with rain and it poured for a few minutes. Our volunteers members stayed and had fun despite of the rain and wetness. It was great to network within our membership, good conversation about locals and committees. Again, Tracy did face `painting for a few hours and while parents were waiting for their kids to have the face painting done, volunteers approached parents to talk about public service cuts which are affecting Canadians.



Upcoming events:

Fusion Festival is taking place on July 19th and 20th at Holland Park, Surrey while Vancouver Pride is on August 3rd. We hope that PSAC staff will be available to help setup and takedown of tents etc. Sign up sheets were made available for those in attendance to sign up for time/shifts available to them. At the 2013 Vancouver Pride, members marched in the Pride Parade but not enough help was given to the PSAC booth after the march; hence result of lack of participation and volunteers at the booth last year.

Round table introduction. Todd Smith requested for a donation of \$200 to attend the Peoples Social Forum taking place in Ottawa Aug 21 – 24, 2014. He will be making proposals to other sources such as PSAC. Moved by Tracy, seconded by Shawna, carried.

Tracy moved to have up to \$200 food vouchers to be bought for the volunteers at the Fusion Festival, seconded by Rex, carried. Tracy suggested that those who work more than 4 hours would receive food vouchers.

Jennifer has already purchased \$200 worth of food vouchers for volunteers, from her Racially Visible Co-Ordinator's budget.

There will be a human rights holidays get together in December, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

