

Okanagan Area Council Meeting
Rotary Centre for the Arts
Kelowna B C
March 28, 2015

Present:

Linda Woods	UNE 20140
Roberta Drinkwater	CEIU 20972
Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003
Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043
Joy Harrison	APSAR
Shiv Reddy	UTE 20026
Carolyn McGillivary	CIU
Wes Todd	CEIU Kamloops, Guest

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 10 January 2015
were reviewed, no errors or omissions were found.

M/S/C

Two updates to the minutes: \$800.00 has been allocated from the PSAC Regional office, and Regina will be receiving her \$400.00 gift vouchers.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Darrell-Lee, will be sent out as an attachment to the minutes.
No dues collected from Locals. Bank statements will be sent to the Regional Office after every meeting along with Treasurer's Report to both Patrick and Kristen.

Treasurer's Report M/S/C

May Day Event:

Planned for Saturday May 2, 2015, at Gyro Park in Penticton from 10 AM to 2 PM.
Area Council has received a request to participate from the South Okanagan Boundary Labour Council, and a request for a financial donation.

Numerous members willing to participate. Susan will request "swag" and balloons from the PSAC office and Carolyn is willing to transport them. Kelly will be requested to supply the button fixings.

Motion: Area Council fund \$50.00 towards the cost of buttons.

M/S/C

Motion 2: Area Council make a financial donation of \$100.00 to the May Day event.

M/S/C

Federal Election Update:

There is a female NDP Candidate: Norah M Bowman who will be running in Lake Country. A rally is planned for April 18th at Ben Lee Park in Kelowna.

CLC Election Preparation Conference Highlights. Michele and Carolyn attended and both submitted reports. The message is " Anybody BUT Harper". The key issues that have affected the Public Service since Harper has been in power: Pensions, healthcare, jobs, childcare.

The CBC aired a program on voting indicator...the candidate that most closely represents your views. Bob Jackson's office is working on a candidate/party comparison.

Regional Council:

Next meeting April 10 and 11, 2015.

Bargaining Update:

Check the web-site for the latest.

CRA planned mediation March 30- April 1...this would be the 20th meeting and 2 years with no contract.

TC & FB groups meeting March 24-26.

Concern that when the "writ drops" and an election is called all bargaining stops until 30 days after the election. The feeling is that nothing will be settled until after the election.

PSAC National Convention:

The Theme is "Take a stand for fairness, our future depends on it!"

Will be held in Quebec City April 26 to May 1, 2015.

Susan will be our delegate. Maria-Luiza is the Alternate. Roberta is the Alternate delegate for BC-YT CEIU. The budget provides for no dues increase for the next 3 years. There is an allocation of \$75,000.00 for single time expenses.

Some of the changes proposed are:

- an increase in daily strike pay,

- NBOD for 1 member to sit on the AEC (presently excluded),
- election of a 2nd Alternate REVP,
- elimination of dues for Locals to affiliate with Area Councils.

Summer Activities:

Much discussion about participation in community activities.

May 19, Bob Jackson will be in the Okanagan.

APSAR membership:

Motion to continue with APSAR membership.

M/S/C

Meeting adjourned 11:40