

PSAC OKanagan Area Council
Meeting
October 3, 2013
DeBakkers Restaurant Kelowna BC

Present:

Michele Sibson	UNE 20088
Annette Hale	USGE 20153
Linda Woods	UNE 20140
Kelly Megyesi	CEIU 20915
Roberta Drinkwater	CEIU 20972
Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003
Joy Harrison	APSAR

Meeting called to order: Susan Yaciw Chair.

Old Business:

Review of minutes June 14, 2013. One spelling correction noted to the Political Action topic and the item will be carried forward.
One correction noted to the financial report, the component NAT has become component UNE.

Political Action:

Today is the kick-off to the Campaign against the closure of the Veterans Affairs Offices and the loss of service to our veterans. We are urged to lobby the Members of Parliament.
Susan, Michele, Linda and Annette are happy meet with MP Ron Cannan.
Susan is to arrange an appointment time.

Discussion:

The Passport Office is considering relocation, possibly before March 31, 2014.
Service Canada has posted PM1 jobs...likely passport functions.
Workers are cautioned not to post on social media that they work for the Federal Government, not to post the name of the department or Agency that employs them.
The impact on staff as well as the public with the closure of "counter"

services- Department of Veterans Affairs, Canada Revenue Agency.

Motion:

Moved that the Okanagan Area Council authorize the expenditure of \$50.00 towards the program "Ouch, your silence hurts me!" an educational program consisting of 2 videos. The total cost is \$1100.00 and the program would be for all of the province. It is hoped that the cost would be shared amongst the 8 Area Councils and the 4 Women's Committees and the 3 Human Rights Committees...\$400.00 and request that the B C Regional Council contribute the remaining \$700.00.

M/S/ Adopted

Kelly will draft a letter to each of the other provincial committees.

PSAC Town Hall :

Very well attended and UTE, CEIU and UNE were represented.

Upcoming Events:

-Sisters in Spirit event October 4, 2013.

<http://psacbc.com/human-rights/events/sisters-spirit-vigils-province-wide>

check the web-site for more information.

-Together Fairness Works: CLC sponsored training will be taking place in Kelowna October 5, 2013.

Although there is no cost for the session, or for lunch. Kelly has requested that the Area Council assist her with mileage costs as she was unable to attend a similar PSAC sponsored event due to a scheduling conflict.

Agreed.

-B C Regional Council: Next Conference Call November 14, 2013. and Next Regional Council meeting January 2014.

-B C Regional Convention April 25-27, 2014 Fairmont Hotel in Vancouver. Registration fees are \$200.00 per delegate.

Strike News:

IKEA workers on strike.

IBEW International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Locked out by Fortis BC. Susan will contact the workers and determine the best way we can

assist them.

Moved that the Area Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$300.00 to support the IBEW workers affected.

M/S/Adopted.

PSAC Staffing Update:

Check the website for the latest, and staffing actions upcoming.

Susan has developed a Regional Council Handbook for new members of Council.

Congratulations, Susan.

Meeting Adjourned 6:41 PM