

PSAC Okanagan Area Council
Minutes of meeting June 14, 2013
DeBakkers Restaurant, Kelowna

In Attendance:

Susan Yaciw UTE 20003
Maria-Luiza Romano AGR 20043
Linda Woods UNE 20140
Michele Sibson UNE 20088
Darrell-Lee McKenzie AGR 20043
Kelly Megyesi CEIU 20915
Annette Hale USGE 20153
Joy Harrison APSAR

Meeting brought to order 5:15, Susan Yaciw in the Chair.

Old Business:

Minutes of the February 9, 2013 meeting were reviewed. One correction noted, Linda Woods Component should reflect UNE 20140. M/S. Adopted.

Treasurers Report:

Attached to the minutes. M/S. Adopted.

Political Action: WE ARE ALL AFFECTED

There was a meeting April 19th, and will be a follow-up meeting for Campaigners. There are funds available. There was a discussion on the upcoming public summer events and participation. Some concern expressed about Farmers Markets and the likelihood of a one day table approval as ommitments are annual, and the participation in other events scheduled valley-wide....with the limited resources. Under serious consideration are a letter writing afternoon campaign, a community snapshot, and an ad on the Castanet internet web site.

Topics could be: What are the costs to your community for your M.P.? What benefits does the M. P. bring?

Since the Conservatives have been in power....you have lost the following government services:

We have lost XXX jobs in Penticton, in Kelowna, in Vernon, in Armstong.

This loss directly affects your community..your restaurant, your grocery store, your dentist, all business suffer. We are all affected!

Summarized in 4 or 5 bullets. Susan will take this to B C Regional Council conference call Monday night.

Public Service Week Activities:

Agriculture: All TC members boycotted activities in Summerland.

In Vernon, both PSAC and PIPSC members not only boycotted activities, but refused to meet with the Inspection Manager who was visiting the workplace. It was noted that the job cuts are recent and the employer is somewhat sympathetic to the PSAC position.

UTE: Showed a 20 minute video of the Union Struggle. Additionaly, partnered with PIPSC in condemning Union Executive participation, and advised any participation by the Executive would be subject to discipline.

USGE: was permitted to set up a PSAC Union activities booth in Vancouver.

CEIU: Boycotted activities.

Roundtable:

Annette brought forward the issue of Bill C-42 which will impact the RCMP Civilian staff...theses people cuurrently are employed as analysts in evidence and reporting, radio techs and dispatchers...it is anticipated that the Bill will receive Royal Assent before Parliament dissolves. The Bill will have considerable effect on the workplace as presently the workers have unlimited

sick leave and other benefits that will disappear once they become PIPSC members.

There was some discussion regarding political action that can be undertaken by members. Directed to each MP, as a member of the Constituency...impact of the senate scandal, the scandal in Harpers office, the job cuts/ loss of services to the community. Insider information, such as what is happening to your workplace/or in your workplace are not appropriate.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM