

## **Vancouver Area Council Meeting - July 26, 2012 (as amended)**

Present: Jamey M., Tracy S., Paul C., Aaron C., Sam W. (minutes), Terri L., Angela D., Fe de C., Erica Y., Monica U. (staff)

Regrets: Sigrid H., Marion M., Sharon T.

### **Agenda:**

1. Previous minutes
2. Signer for Bank Account
3. Events past/future: PRIDE New West/Vancouver; Labour Day; We Are All Affected
4. DLC Affiliation
5. AGM
6. Ratification of E-mail vote of 12/04/12
7. VAC BBQ
8. Education

Call to Order – Jamey 5:30 pm

### **1. Previous minutes**

Reviewed, motion to accept Sam Second Fe – carried

Business arising - Aaron will purchase gift for Allen Schofield and send receipt to Monica's attention at PSAC Regional Office.

### **2. Signer for Bank Account**

*Motion:* that Sam Wiese be added as a signer on VAC bank account (Community Savings Credit Union). Moved Jamey, second Paul.

Jamey provided rationale, currently only two signers, better to have three – motion carried.

### **3. Events:**

Protein for People – Jamey took the lead on PSACs participation in this event. RUO donated SWAG; petitions were on hand for signatures and We Are All Affected handouts. Over 800 people attended.

PSAC had table at Surrey Fusion; Sisters Tracy and Jennifer took on majority of prep and work. As usual large turnout at this event, PSAC info well accepted.

Sam at Edmonds St. Annual car show and community event. Handed out "We are All Affected" info, paper copies of Stephen Harpers "affected" letter. Suggestion that we look into getting a table for next year's event.

Arrangements were made for PSAC VAC to take part in CUPE annual Justice Rocks event; unfortunately the event was cancelled.

Jamey requested that a PSAC table be established at "CEIU" ball league annual in town (Vancouver) tournament. The request was denied by the league executive indicating it was not an appropriate venue for union activities. Jamey noted that this league is comprised predominately of Federal Gov't employees, their family and friends. Sam wished to have it noted her discontent of the league executive decision, expect to see her out at more games next year promoting PSAC.

Multi Union PRIDE – Tracy attended Surrey PRIDE, looking forward to Vancouver PRIDE-. Paul provided info and posters where/when to meet. Multi Union float will be assembled at CAW building, 12<sup>th</sup> St New West on August 4th. We need volunteers to person the PSAC booth and assist in set up. Call G. Fraser if you can assist.

Ali Kanani will be starting off PRIDE week with an event at Library Square on July 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 11:00. There will be PSAC branding in form of PSAC PRIDE banner.

*Motion:* that the VAC donate \$50 to this PRIDE event. Moved Paul, second Jamey – carried.

Labour Day John Hendry Park (Trout Lake) – SWAG: We Are All Affected water bottles. Get public involved, do more than just sign petitions. Develop a game around the campaign, test it on Labour Day in preparation for September 15th. Monica to create game, Tracy to make bean bags.

*Motion:* That the VAC donate \$200 to Labour Day Organizing. Moved Jamey, second Terri - carried

September 15 – We Are All Affected rally- many ideas presented/discussed. Some very lofty, realize that we are all busy and we need to keep that in mind.

- Where: Grandview Park, Commercial Drive at Charles St, Vancouver
- When: 11AM - 2PM, rally program to begin at 12:30
- What: ideas were discussed to have information table, games, invite politicians, labour leaders and community organizations affected by the cuts.
- Who: Sponsored by the PSAC Vancouver Area Council

Reminder of UCTE SOS Kitsilano Coast Guard Rally August 25 1- 2 pm Vanier Park.

#### **4. DLC Affiliation**

Jamey reminded that Locals affiliated to the VAC have access to subsidy for dues to affiliate to their District Labour Council but must request within thirty days.

## **5. VAC Annual General Meeting**

Will occur in October; Monica will send out possible dates either October 24 or 25. Please reply a.s.a.p.

## **6. Email vote ratification**

An e-mail vote occurred on 12/04/12 wherein members were asked their approval or denial of a motion regarding participation and donation for May Day events and funding for the VAC BBQ as follows:

*1: Per our last meeting we decided to have a Bbq this summer. I move that we spend not more than \$700 to put on this event. The costing is \$112 for the park and the difference is based on 100 people attending. I doubt we will have this many attendees but it would be nice. This funding could be spread across lines from our budget. I will also ask the Metro Van reps along with other sources to assist in funding. Moved by Jamey, Seconded by Sam.*

*2: The Vancouver and District Labour Council has asked for \$200 to assist with the May Day event. This is a worthwhile cause we have supported previously. Funding would come from donations or political action line item. Moved by Jamey, Seconded by Sam.*

14 votes were returned – all in favour. Electronic vote ratified.

## **7. VAC Summer BBQ**

August 19<sup>th</sup> John Hendry Park, come enjoy from 4 pm on. Bring the family. Monica to send Jamey poster for the event, will be sent to all Metro Van Locals, RSVPs will be to Jamey.

## **8. Education**

Monica advised fall education schedule is posted. New course held in spring, "Representing Members with Mental Illnesses" was a huge success, looking forward to more of these. Please make suggestion for Spring 2013 schedule by end of September.

## **9. Affiliate reports**

CEIU 20938 – Western Region, 85% of those affected have been placed. Alternation program is working in Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Terms good until March 2013, but 5 terms were let go from the front counter.

AGR 20044 – activities leading up to event. CFIA is at bargaining impasse, waiting for a Public Interest Commission (PIC) to be set. Can't alternate with those in the Core Federal Public Service. Provincial meat Inspection conducted by Federal Inspectors

until January 2014, then will be devolved to the province. "Closure" of Signey, BC, members and work are going to Summerland. Might be a good We Are All Affected story.

Young Workers – November is the "Up Next: Young Workers Renewing our Union Legacy!" conference. Please encourage young workers, 30 years of age or under to apply.

GSU 20008 – terms extended to December 2012; hiring/absorbing CR-04s from CIC; tracking alternations

CEIU 20949 – few terms but only at four-month contracts, no more EI board of referees in Vancouver as of 31 March 2013.

UTE 20027 – Jamey thanked the Area Council for sending him as their delegate to PSAC National Triennial Convention. The resolution that originated from the VAC about electronic loss of wages process, was passed. In his component there is a new UTE 1<sup>st</sup> National Vice-President, as Chris Aylward became PSAC NEVP. The Local is experiencing their first round of cuts (80), eliminating all service to the public. The next round may be in October.

Meeting adjourned – 7:30 pm