

Fraser Valley Area Council General Meeting

Thursday March 29, 2007

Chilliwack, BC

Attendance:

Jayne Johns	CEIU Local 20903
Anne Marie McCully	CEIU Local 20903
Chuck Leech	USGE Local 20054
Mel Dureen	USGE Local 20054
Pat Sheaves	USGE Local 20086
Wendy	USGE Local 20086
Bea Burke	UEW Local 20147
Patti Victor	CEIU Local 20903

Guest: James Little, PSAC Regional Rep

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.
Introductions were made of all members in attendance.

Agenda reviewed.
Motion to accept agenda-Chuck, seconded-Pat—carried.

Minutes of previous executive meeting were reviewed.
Motion to accept minutes-Bea; seconded Pat—carried

Minutes of previous general meeting were reviewed.
Motion to accept minutes-Melvin; seconded Chuck—carried.
Note: March 15th meeting rescheduled to March 29th.

Area Council Retreat – Report by Anne Marie

- attended by Anne Marie, Jayne, and Edi
- highlights: value of Area Council; networking and communication; message that we vote our employer therefore get politically active; strategies to become politically active
- all felt this was worthwhile and were ready to strategize for local participation

Executive Training Report – Jayne Johns

- reviewed the Constitution, by-laws, minutes, and financial guidelines
- discussed each executive member's role and responsibilities
- discussion about education schedule for the year

Conclusion of the meeting: more responsibility shared by executive members; focus on local issues that affect members directly; combine our political action in coordination with Labour Council; provide meaningful education opportunities for members; have guests to provide information on a wide range of topics; social atmosphere for networking and building relationships with other union members.

Labour Council Report – Jayne Johns

March 10th was a planning meeting with executive; divided into three committees-Education, Political Action and Organizing

Did some strategic planning—handout given to each member to review

Financial Report – Anne Marie

\$1133.92 is current balance

4 locals have paid their dues for 2007→Local 20140; Local 20038; CEIU 20903; USGE 20054

Motion to accept report – Anne Marie; seconded Melvin—carried.

Bargaining Team Report – Melvin – member of SV group

Bargaining team members were picked in January 2007.

Demands have been reviewed

April 10th bargaining team to meet and review

April 27th demands to the employer

Essential services to be determined-replaces designations

Megan –member of PA group – unable to attend tonight's meeting

Will make herself available later on –possible local meetings and Area Council meeting

Bargaining teams will meet for 4 days in May and 2 days in June before the summer break.

Training Schedule – James Little

Check out the PSAC website; register online

June 2nd – TUB held at the Ramada in Abbotsford

-possible JLP presentation following the training – Jayne to action

September 2007 tentative Friday evening and Saturday courses on Lobbying; Union Advocacy; Staffing—final details will be on website soon.

Facing Management is not offered in the Fraser Valley at this time; email James that there is a need for the course. Note there is a course in Vancouver in June 07.

Next Area Council meeting is June 2nd—social gathering following the training.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Anne Marie, seconded by Bea—carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Victor, CEIU Local 20903.