

Fraser Valley Area Council Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 8, 2008 Cross Roads Restaurant Abbotsford

In Attendance:

Jayne Johns CEIU 20903 President
Melvin Doreen – RVP USGE Vice President
Ann Marie McCully CEIU 20903 Treasurer
Elaine Michaud CEIU 20903
Linda Nance CEIU 20903
Cheryl Hicks USGE 20040
Nancy Burton USGE 20155
Dori Lottger USGE 20155
Heidi Rempel AGR 20038
Brenda Williams USGE 20015
Scott Verwold USGE 20054

Guests:

Janelle Ho-Shing – PSAC Rep
Bonnie Rai – NDP Candidate Abbotsford

Presentation :

Bonnie Rai gave a brief speech about stopping the trend of privatization and contracting out. She also talked about the erosion of workers rights and our need to have adequate funding for social programs. She stands opposed to cuts to federal public services and encouraged members to get involved in the electoral process.

A quorum has been reached.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Previous Minutes

The dates for the Talking Union Basics course to be held in the Fraser Valley have been changed to November 22 and 23. The new deadline for applications is November 10th.
M/S/C McCully/Verwold

2. Financial Report

Fiscal year from January 1 to December 31 2007 presented. Fiscal year is not in sync with AGM. As of September 30, 2008 FVAC dues have not all been paid. \$600.00 was received from Regional Council, affiliating to the FVLC October 2006 to December 2008 dues paid \$930.00.

M/S/C McCall/Johns

3. Election of Executive

The following were elected by acclamation:

President – Jayne Johns

Vice President – Melvin Doreen

Treasurer – Ann Marie McCully

Secretary – Brenda Williams

4. Election of Delegate to PSAC Convention

The following were elected by acclamation:

Delegate: Jayne Johns

Alternate: Ann Marie McCully

5. Resolutions to PSAC Convention

No resolutions were presented at this time. Discussion on getting resolution on hardship fund through another AC.

6. Bargaining Update

Melvin Doreen gave an update on the SV table. The teams were able to meet but there were no principles in place due the Federal election so there was not a lot of movement. Some work was undertaken regarding shift workers e.g. food services lost their shift differentials as a result of language change. Discussion also included discussion on exclusions for firefighters and ships crews. There was also an all teams meetings and debriefing the various kinds of job actions held. USGE still is working on ESAs.

7. District Labour Council

FVDLC has an education program and is offering Stewart Training and Talk Back – how to debate union principles-on Saturday November 1, 2008. Registration is \$50 and will be paid by the FVAC. All are encouraged to attend.

November 19 is annual spaghetti dinner and dessert auction.

Labour Council Representatives are as follows:

Delegates - Jayne Johns, Ann Marie McCully, Melvin Doreen and Linda Nance.

Alternate - Brenda Williams, Heidi Rempel, Scott Verwold, and Edi Martin (to be confirmed).

8. Other Business

Need to establish a Committee work on updating By-Laws. Executive elected to work on it.

Federal Election – reminder to vote and volunteer for labour friendly candidates.

Rand Campaign – reminder to return membership cards to Janelle in Vancouver RO.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.