

**WINNIPEG AREA COUNCIL
AUGUST 9, 2017
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Lorelei Topnik	Jamie Bonner
Gus Mardli	Sheilagh Hanson
Yvonne Hein	Serina Pottinger
Tracy Grove	Pam Shaw
Susan Brown	Brett Rainboth
Greg Ballendine	Michael Westwell
Tracy Thor – PSAC Staff	

REGRETS: Gloria Kelly
Ryan Zacharias

GUEST: REVP Marianne Hladun

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Br. Mardli at 17:31
2. Round table introductions made by all in attendance
3. Adoption of Agenda –
 - o Moved by Br. Westwell, seconded by Sr. Hein
4. PSAC Statement of Harassment – read by Sr. Sheilagh Hanson
 - o Tracy Thor – agreed to be the harassment co-ordinator
5. Adoption of June 7 minutes
 - o Moved by Sr. Topnik, seconded by Sr. Hein
6. Treasure report
 - o Balance as of July 31 - \$4739.84
 - o Only o/s cheque was for food for today meeting
 - o Br. Ballendine needs to bring in receipts to get re-imbursed
 - o Motion to adopt Treasure report by Sr. Grove, seconded by Sr. Hanson
7. PRC – July 7/8
 - o Talk about affiliating with Winnipeg Labour Council, cost was estimated to be around .50 cents a member
 - o Br. Ballendine was elected to the finance committee
 - o Talk about developing a National data base like PSAC has
 - o Br. Ballendine to work with Br. Mardli to work on dialog with locals and getting more communication out there
 - o Looking at having the next Convention in 2020 in Alberta. However they may not have the capacity to facilitate all delegates/staff etc. Still looking into it.
 - o PRC Training – There will be training in November/early December, leadership training in Ottawa.
 - o Next meeting in the spring sometime

8. Labour Day – Sept 4 1:30-3:30
 - March at 1:30pm – walk to Vimy Ridge Park
 - There will be face painting, bouncers, free hotdogs/drinks and freezies
 - Sr. Robin Benson will be there to speak – Marianne to co-ordinate
 - Shirts – there are some volunteer shirts available, if you don't have one yet tell Br. Mardli what size so he can get it to you.
9. Resolutions:
 - Resolution 1: Regional Convention Subsidy
 - Fixed up the wording and grammar
 - Br. Mardli motioned to accept, Br. Ballendine seconded, all in favour
 - Resolution passed
 - Resolution 2: Transgender Participation at RWC's
 - Recommended concurrence by the general committee at the Prairie Regional Conference
 - Fixed up the wording and grammar
 - Br. Mardli motioned to accept, Br. Ballendine seconded, all in favour
 - Resolution passed
 - Resolution 3: Transgender Education for RWC's
 - Recommended concurrence by the general committee at the Prairie Regional Conference
 - Fixed up the wording and grammar
 - Br. Mardli motioned to accept, Br. Ballendine seconded, all in favour
 - Resolution passed
 - Resolution 4: Racially Visible Leadership
 - Recommended concurrence by the general committee at the Prairie Regional Conference
 - Discussed wording, does not clearly make sense on what they are asking
 - Br. Mardli motioned to accept, Br. Rainboth seconded, all in favour
 - Resolution defeated
 - Resolution 5: Temporary Foreign Workers Program (TFWP) in Canada
 - Recommended concurrence by the general committee at the Prairie Regional Conference
 - Fixed up the wording and grammar
 - CLC has been involved with this for awhile, they are working a lot on this
 - Br. Mardli motioned to accept, Sr. Hanson seconded, all in favour, 1 opposed
 - Resolution passed
 - Resolution 6: Electronic Voting on Convention Floor
 - Fixed up the wording and grammar
 - Br. Mardli motioned to accept, Sr. Brown seconded, all in favour
 - Resolution passed
 - Br. Ballendine suggested sharing these resolutions with other Area Councils
10. Shoal Lake event
 - Sr. Hanson looked into having an event where members will go to Shoal lake, and visit their museum and learn more about Shoal Lake and talk to the community members – great learning experience
 - They suggested no more than 20 people at a time
 - If it is a success then we could look at doing another one a different time

- Rent some vehicles, or use members vehicles – 5 to a vehicle (mileage would be covered by PSAC)
 - A 15 passenger van costs \$150 a day but needs a class 4 license.
 - Proposal must go through the Human Rights Committee
11. PSAC Seats – NDP Leadership Convention
- Saturday Sept 16 at the Convention Centre
 - We have some seats, however not many
 - If you can get in through your constituency, that would be great as there are not many seats with PSAC
 - \$100 registration fee, by law it cannot be re-imbursed by PSAC so it will be on the member to pay
 - If anyone is interested please let Marianne know by August 18th
 - Needs Name, address, email, experience and method of selection
- 11a) Phoenix update
- A hand out was given to all members in attendance
 - All MPs are now at home and won't be back until September 18th
 - Contact your MP if you're having troubles with your pay
 - You have to be willing to give all your personal information however so they can have access to your pay information
 - If you book an appt with your MP and would like someone to go with you, Br. Mardli has offered to help
 - Mona Simcoe – From UNDE issued a FIX phoenix challenge
 - To all Locals and the Winnipeg Area Council to do something every payday whether it be standing outside your work or taking pictures with banners to show awareness
 - Winnipeg Area Council members – picket in front of Jim Carr office on August 23 at 11:40
 - Let all other union members know they are welcome to join
 - Would love to do this every payday
12. Next Meeting: September 26th @ 5:30pm
13. Round Table
- Sr. Brown – Br. Frank asked for help painting stuff for the Floats
 - Will discuss at next meeting to make a date
 - Sr. Pottinger – There is a rally at Deerlodge about their cuts tomorrow at 11:30
 - Sr. Hanson – Charlotte Cameron – Community Advocates
 - If interested it would be roughly 4 days long
 - Approximate cost is \$300 per person
 - Br. Westwell – would like more communication
 - Sr. Shaw – When is the union going to sue the government
 - Thanks for the Q&A for Phoenix
14. Adjournment – 7:45pm
- Motioned by Sr. Grove, seconded by Br. Ballendine