

**WINNIPEG AREA COUNCIL
DECEMBER 13, 2017
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Lorelei Topnik	James Cooke	Tania Lachance
Gus Mardli	Sheilagh Hanson	Chris Little-Gagne
Yvonne Hein	Serina Pottinger	
Tracy Grove	Brett Rainboth	

Regrets: Frank Janz, Michael Westwell

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 –
 - Moved by Br. Cooke, seconded by Sr. Topnik
4. PSAC Statement of Harassment – deemed as in affect
 - Moved by Sr. Grove, seconded by Sr. Topnik
5. Adoption of September 26 minutes
 - Moved by Br. Cooke, seconded by Br. Rainboth
6. Treasure report
 - Balance as of December 13 - \$3295.91
 - One outstanding chq - \$223.23 to Sr. Pottinger
 - Today's lunch
 - Motion to adopt Treasure report by Sr. Topnik, Moved by Sr. Pottinger, seconded by Sr. Grove
7. By-Election to elect WAC Vice Chair
 - Br. Mardli took the floor to run the election
 - Sr. Topnik nominated Sr. Sheilagh Hanson, seconded by Sr. Serina Pottinger
 - There were no other nominations
 - Sr. Hanson accepted the position
 - Will need to get bank papers signed and updated to have new signing authority
8. Update – fix Phoenix protests
 - This Dec 13 pay week was in front of Doug Eyolfson's Office
 - It has been a good turnout having the locals take turns having the protest
 - Do we want to start again in January? First payday of the new year is January 10
 - There is a Local interested in the first payday, will send out a sign up sheet for future paydays
 - Request to have a info pamphlet to hand out to the public on these payday fix phoenix protests
 - Question – Br. Cooke asked about staging a walk out at his Local. Was wondering if it could happen?
 - It is not recommended – staff could be disciplined, PSAC could be fined, we would lose credibility.
 - What can be done? – Push the politicians, components should push for every member to get their file audited
 - Question – Can we do an ad on the radio/tv
 - Needs to go to national triennial convention and be voted on

- Is very expensive
 - We currently have free advertisement with what we are doing
 - Remind members to watch what they say to press
9. Update: Remembrance Day Wreath
- We saved money as UVAE bought a wreath and added PSAC name to it
 - Laid Wreath
10. Update – Santa Clause Parade
- Ran out of candy WAY to soon again, otherwise it was a success
 - A lot of members helped throughout.
 - Suggestions – get swag next year. Possibly bags? Candy with PSAC on it
 - Need to ask for higher budget for next year
 - Could we possibly look into buying PA system to have on had for all events including Santa Clause Parade/Pride, rally etc
 - Also look into requesting a storage unit to rent for all Parade stuff, swag, etc. could keep all PSAC extra stuff in there
 - Need to create a checklist and delegate so that things can get done and not fall all on one person.
11. National Area Council Conference Call
- Looks like another one will be happening Jan 10, 2018
 - Last one was Dec 2014. Was suppose to be every year, but hasn't been
 - Is there any agenda items you want Br. Mardli to bring forward?
 - Ask about funding
 - More training
 - Communication
 - Budget – can it be changed?
 - Approval – timing is an issue
 - We are registered for the parade
 - November 18th is the date
 - Will need a lot of volunteers to help set up and be a part of the parade
 - More details to come
12. Labour Grassroot Leaders Affiliation
- Sr. Hanson is still getting wording together and working on a letter.
 - Will put a letter together and share with before sending out.
 - Hoping early in the New Year it will be ready
 - Local 50012 joined the Winnipeg Labour Council 😊
13. Next Meeting: Date TBD
- Will send out by email
 - Need to see about the renovations
14. Round Table:
- Tracy – won't be available for meeting in January until after the 16th
 - Chris – Parks and SSO still bargaining. Not looking good
 - Canadian Human Rights Museum has accepted and ratifying on Wednesday
 - Sheilagh – there is a link for the bargaining conference for equity groups to sign up
15. Adjournment – 17:00
- Motioned by Sr. Topnik, seconded by Br. Little-Gagne