PSAC Edmonton Human Rights Committee Meeting June 18, 2024

Charmaine nelson- CEIU 30851, Chair

Joel Hildebrand – UNDE 30908, Co-chair

Amanda Jorgensen – AGR 30045

Jessika Glazier – GSU 30001

Ash Auclair – CEIU 30851

Christian Leung – CEIU 30851

Helen Dong – Component unknown

Keith Thomson CEIU 30851

Natasha Cheff - UNDE 30905

Thao Bui – USJE 30010

Sharon Chung – UCTE 30314

Janette Husack – PRC Rep- Indigenous Circle, Saskatchewan

Craig Adolphe – PRC Rep – Indigenous Circle, Manitoba

Carm Chan – PSAC Edmonton Office Representative

Regrets:

Kim Cardinal

Dawn St Louis

Meeting called to order: Joel called the meeting to order at 6:08PM

1) Land Acknowledgement – Joel

2) Approval of previous minutes- consensus reached.

3) Approval of agenda for today -Consensus reached.

4) Reports: Joel spoke on attending the PSAC National triennial convention. Sharon DeSousa is our new National President. Many resolutions were debated. Info on PSAC website.

They attended a Two Spirit Powwow upon returning from the conference and attended a Drag performance.

We are in pride month, and Indigenous Peoples month.

We had to postpone the multicultural event due to little take up for volunteers. This is partially due to the event date being very close to the PSAC National Triennial Convention and the Union Development leadership program meeting in MB. We will discuss today, a new date for the multicultural event.

Looking at holding a truth and reconciliation education evening with Labour4Palestine.

5) Treasurers report: Kim sends her regrets for this meeting. Charmaine advised that we have not received bank statements since the PSAC office relocated. Charmaine will contact Servus Credit Union to ensure that the new PSAC office address is on file, as given when we completed this year's signing authority. Charmaine stated that there have not been any expenditures for the committee this year, besides the auto deducted fee for printing 12 paper cheques for committee expenditures. ($22.68), which the committee previously agreed to by consensus. Joel reminded that the bank balance as of the previous minutes were $1147,86. After subtracting 22.68, we are left with a balance of $1,125.18.

6) Pride booth – Rainbow Corner Churchill Square-Aug 22-24th, 2024. Any time during that weekend to volunteer. Joel and others from UNDE will be there. We have some swag, and more swag coming. Carm will send out an invite to identifying members. Reach out to Joel or Charmaine (Cell phone #'s were given during the meeting)

7) Truth and Reconciliation Day event- Decided against beading activity because it is too costly. For truth and reconciliation day, would we want to purchase a "Water Protector" Gift. Thru PSAC Still Thirsty for Justice Campaign? Each leather necklace comes with a copper pail, and all proceeds go to "Water Protectors" 15.00 each. All the money goes to water protectors- goes towards legal costs of protecting water. Possibly taking the money we had for truth and reconciliation beading and put it towards this cause – Charmaine to contact Marianne to seek permission for the expenditure to be moved from the original beading activity.

   Charmaine made a motion to redirect 300.00 from our indigenous beading fund and donate it to Water knowledge keepers. 2nd by Jessika Glazier. Motion carried unanimously. Permission to be sought thru office of the REVP.

8) Janette Husack from Prairies Indigenous circle-suggested that perhaps Prudence Mackenzie's daughter could do a beading teaching for minimal cost. Amanda suggested that some beading artists sell beading packages with all materials needed, for 20.00 each. They do not come with a facilitator on how to do the beading and may not come with instructions. We could look into this option in collaboration with Prudence Mackenzie's daughter (secretary missed their name)

9) Craig Adolphe- Manitoba Indigenous Circle, and Janette Husack, Saskatchewan Indigenous Circle spoke on how the national Indigenous circle has some funds available to support committees that wish to raise awareness for Indigenous concerns. They would like to see how Prairies committees can get involved with advocating for Indigenous concerns, and committees can request funds for gifts to shelters, water initiatives, food bank. It is preferred that the committees mobilize members to be active in these causes at the same time – proposal to national indigenous circle and they would send it to Dolly for possible approval. Send proposal to BOTH Craig and Janette. Mobilizing members to get involved with truth and reconciliation.

10) 94 Calls to action – truth and reconciliation- resolution writing. Letter writing night. Letter to Local MLA, Ward Councillor, MP, Amnesty international Dec 10th day to write letters to government. Look to do an event in early December.

11) New date for Multicultural event
October 30 to Nov 3rd is Diwalli – village goods (formerly 10k villages) is interested in collaborating with our committee to sell ethical goods at our event. Charmaine made a motion that our new date for our multicultural event be moved to November 2, 2024, from 1pm-4pm. Consensus reached. Carm to find out if the social room in the same building as the PSAC office is available for this time.

12) Joel and ASH spoke at the triennial convention- Ash brought up the idea of having workshops for equity seeking groups, with a focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Each group to share what barriers they experience. What would an equitable world look like? Animation video? Ash is the chair of the CEIU AB-NT-NU Human Rights committee and is looking to collaborate with PSAC committees on this endeavor.
Pride event happening in Edmonton on June29th. LGBTQ Pride Asylum March, not a celebration- stand up for fair housing, rally against prejudice/discrimination. Location is Bever Hill Park downtown- march to Churchill. The march starts at 12pm. Come early. 1130am Ash will have a poster ready and we can make signs. Vibrant red clothing. Food bank donation/bus tickets donations.

Round table: no other ideas raised

Next meeting Sept 18th, 2024. adjourned @ 7:40PM