

CJC minutes of May 6, 2022 meeting

Present: David, Angela, James, Nick, Sarah, Marcia

Regrets : Peter, Shelley

Recorder : Angela

Land Acknowledgment – David, Sarah for May 16th meeting

Minutes of last meeting approved

Today's agenda approved

ITEMS:

CC Report – David

- Ontario June 2nd election is top priority
- Workplan conversation is on hold until after June 2nd election
- Indigenous workgroup working at funding proposals

Mother's Day Committee – Marcia

- Marcia and Shelley met
- Marcia shared some of her thoughts, specifically, gather SCAN women together to discuss how climate impacts this target group; key areas follows:
 - A) Housing – insurance prices up, home repairs, no security when renting etc.
 - B) Health – physical and mental health, air quality, social isolation etc.
 - C) Transportation – electric vehicles and charging stations, public transit etc.
 - D) Financial stability
 - E) Intergenerational conflict
 - F) Food costs
- Focus would be on green picture start with problem areas and then look for solutions
- Marcia queried if this project should go ahead, **STATUS:** group in attendance concurred that project should go ahead after June 2nd election and take place sometime in July.

ACTION: workgroup meets on Tuesday's, Angela would like to join the group, Sarah to contact Shelley to co-ordinate time of next meeting to accommodate both Marcia and Angela's schedule.

May 1st rally information sharing – all

Nick – Toronto rally:

- Event was organized by OFL
- 28 SCAN participants along with some younger people totalling 32

- They met at Grange Park with about 100 people and they then split into 2 groups some going to the Ministry of Labour office while others went to the Steelworkers site
- Eventually they met up at College and McCaul streets and then marched to Queen's Park
- Possibly a total of 2-3 thousand people, rainy and cold
- SCAN managed to distribute leaflets
- Good day, but couldn't hear speeches
- James noted that this event got good media coverage
- Nick also noted that Justice for Workers also organized in Toronto and Hamilton with a focus on decent work for migrant workers. To this end, Sarah commented on the plight of migrant workers with emphasis on Indian workers.

David Ottawa rally:

- A few SCAN members were there going both to the courthouse and then eventually about 500 people at city hall, good turnout from other groups; every NDP Ottawa area member were there.

Other events information sharing:

May 11, 2022 –Nick

- Linda Mackenzie is organizing, event to take place at David Piccini Constituency office at 12:00 noon – 117 Peter Street, car pooling from Toronto to site, theatre group to do presentation, songs as well.

May 14, 2022 – Nick

- This event will start at 1:00 p.m. at Queen's Park
- Being organized by Environmental Defence and Suzuki Foundation
- SCAN made a \$100.00 contribution to Environmental Defence for this event
- SCAN members will be there to handout pamphlets

June 2nd Ontario Election – David

David suggested a go round by asking participants what their thoughts were on what they see going on in their respective communities.

- Sarah noted that she is working on OPED with Star on climate and housing to get this on the agenda.

- Angela noted that she had attended Mississauga East Cooksville riding nomination meeting on Wednesday, May 4th. Only 2 members along with organizer and nominee were in attendance in the ZOOM call.
- James noted that they have a strong NDP candidate in their riding, Sarah noted that their riding has historically had strong Liberal roots
- Nick noted that he had no comments on election, highlighted video “Maude and Millie” specifically how to use it and how to raise climate awareness
- David noted that Ottawa group have SCAN buttons to distribute when campaigning these buttons are recycleable
- Marcia noted that David Piccini is in her riding and he is a shoe in for re-election; 6 lane highway coming in Belleville
- Sarah outlined how she plans on getting the Climate word out; will be doing a presentation on climate emergency at senior’s group along with retirement community and other selected sites
- **ACTION: David to send out to group information on May 12th webinar on Ring of Fire**

New Business:

- Nick would like to ascertain how the video “Maude and Millie” is being used, how useful it is etc. **ACTION: defer discussion to next meeting**
- Sarah is writing up a media plan and will be forwarding it to the SCAN election committee
- David is following up on Just Transition work he did with Toronto Labour Council in Toronto with specific focus on how workers will be impacted with this transition e.g. needing retraining etc. He noted that Ottawa groups are inserting just transition needs within their bargaining e.g. make transit passes available to union members etc.

NEXT MEETING – May 20, 2022 11:00 a.m.