



## **Young Workers' Committee (YWC)**

### **RECORD OF DISCUSSION**

**Tuesday March 07, 2017**

**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**15 Holland Ave, Ottawa**

**In attendance:** Rhea Sandy, Matthew McKenna, Heather Ross, Mary Ross, Amy Huziak (CLC staff)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Brother Matthew called the meeting to order.

**2. ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting proceeded to a round table introduction of its members. Amy Huziak of the CLC introduced herself to the group.

**3. DISCUSSION WITH AMY HUZIAK**

Amy spoke to the committee about her role with the CLC, and the potential support/partnership that her and the Congress might be able to provide with to the YWC.

Amy spoke of 3 key items:

- 1.) 'Diving without a parachute' – a report on young workers.
- 2.) The upcoming CLC convention of May 3, 2017. Amy informed the committee of an event focussed on young workers, including a discussion session to take place a day in advance of the convention. The event would include a brainstorming session with young workers to develop ideas for the future.
- 3.) Invitation for the YWC to send a delegate to the Convention. A roundtable discussion on the potential for a YWC delegate ensued. Delegates must be aged 30 or younger.

**4. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Item 4 (CLC Young Worker's Report) was moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate sister Amy. Sister Rhea moves that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion seconded by Matthew.

**5. MARCH 21 EVENT ON ERADICATING RACISM AND ISLAMAPHOBIA**

Sister Rhea informed the committee of an upcoming event, spearheaded by RVAC, MDAC, and ORWC committees. The event will feature a speakers panel

including academic Josephine Etowa. Ms. Etowa was contacted by sister Rhea as part of the contribution of the Young Workers Committee.

The Committee discussed potential additional contributions, and considered what would be an appropriate contribution on behalf of the YWC. After discussion and a general consensus, sister Rhea moved to provide \$100 in support to organizers (pending their provision of a fully itemized budget) as well as the support of YWC volunteers at the event. The motion was seconded by brother Matt. The YWC expects to hear back from the organizing committees shortly.

**6. NEW LOCAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE**

Sister Rhea discussed the upcoming training session for new local officers. Sisters Mary, Heather, and Rhea noted that they have each signed up for the session.

**7. PSAC NCR CONVENTION**

After lengthy discussions, the committee agreed that we will host a booth at the event for at least some of the duration of the upcoming convention. The committee agreed to a lot budget money to the development of an updated YWC logo, the production of a banner, and the development of an information communications product in the form of a handout or a brochure. The committee will establish a volunteer schedule for attending the kiosk at a future date. The motion to allot a maximum of \$200 on a YWC banner was put forward by brother Matthew, and seconded by sister Rhea. The committee also discussed potential give-away 'SWAG' items as an additional means of promoting the committee and its work at the convention. An additional budget of \$200 was agreed upon for swag, following a motion by sister Rhea, seconded by brother Matthew.

**8. NEW EXECUTIVE TASKS AND ACCESS**

A thorough discussion of the various roles, responsibilities and best practices for executive members took place. Sister Rhea lead the committee through the various tools the executive intends to employ to conduct its work in 2017, and the routine responsibilities of each executive member. Executive members asked questions on the various social media and email accounts in use by the group. Sister Rhea provided a walkthrough of the online drive where all committee documents are saved for ease of access and ready availability to all executive members.

**9. RECRUITMENT INITIATIVES FOR 2017**

See item 7 (banner and SWAG).

**10. DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS FROM PROPOSED 2017 ACTIVITIES**

This item was brought forward to the next YWC meeting.

**11. REVP MEET and GREET EVENT FOR MAY 2017**

The committee committed to discussion of this at the next meeting, and a brainstorming session to take place in the interim (likely via phone).

**12. ROUNDTABLE CLOSING REMARKS**

A discussion of action items and coordination for the next meeting took place.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

M/S/C Matthew moves to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded by Rhea.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- *YWC members to brainstorm ideas for location/agenda for a meet and greet event with RVPS;*
- *Brothers Matt and Cory to explore options for YWC logo redesign and banner;*
- *Brothers Matt and Cory to develop handout/pamphlet for upcoming events, including NCR convention of May 4-7*
- *Brothers Matt and Cory to explore options for YWC meeting invite RSVP (clickthrough rather than reply by mail, etc.)*
- *YWC members to coordinate a volunteer schedule for March 21 event on eradicating islamaphobia and racism;*
- *NEXT MEETING : April 4, 2017*