



Education Committee
Tuesday October 27, 2015 meeting
National Office, 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Neil Burrton (Chair), Vanessa Clermont, Tim Dunstan, Wayne Fan, Doug Hagar, Emmanuelle Tremblay (CAPE)

Staff: Julie Courty (Secretary)

1. Welcome

N. Burrton welcomed the members of the committee.

2. Approval of Agenda

Items two and three become one item.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. Priorities identified at the Leaders' Summit

- We need to train ourselves to be a progressive voice.
- We need to put our own house in order. Are we credible?
- We need to broaden the group

E. Tremblay's key points on Summit:

- -Training available for activists
- -Mid November will bring new local leaders
- -Finding ways to communicate with people that are likely to act on items/issues. Could we create a separate group i.e. Hero's Network, from the rest of the membership in order to communicate with those that are driven and get the word out?



4. New School for Public Policy and Labour Activism

N. Burron proposes:

- 1 event per month (evenings) . Combination of education and action.
- Education curriculum
- Encourage reading/study groups at the local level.
- Campaigns
- This would have 2 sides: Public policy side and Labour activist side
- Potential partners: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and Polaris.

T. Dunstan asks how can we convince people that we are ready for this? How can we achieve the cultural change?

V. Clermont suggests that the committee take a step back and think about who it wants to affect and how to do so.

V. Clermont is concerned that monthly events would be too much and that quarterly might be better.

V. Clermont suggests that the language used be carefully selected and that techniques should be established to engage people.

N.Burron clarifies that this should not appeal to everyone as some have different views and opinions. The goal is to reach those who have progressive ideas to build their capacity. That said, we need to be careful not to use language that many find distracting or outdated.

E.Tremblay mentioned that a member had suggested a round table discussion/ speaker event and that it could be a first opportunity.

V.Clermont suggested tag lines:

- Committing to sociology
- Fearless advice



Action:

- Call for papers
- N. Burrton to set up a meeting with CCPA and Polaris

W. Fan suggested that PAFSO would be a good partner. Others agreed.

5. Other

V. Clermont suggested that Terms of References should be established for this committee.

N.Burrton will look for the motion from the previous meeting to draft TORs.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting has not been scheduled

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.