

VIDC Report for September 26

In attendance were 42 delegates, three guests, one of which was Paul Faoro, Secretary Treasure of CUPE BC. From CUPE 2081 were Michelle Turcotte and Keith Todd. The majority of the meeting was CUPE's involvement in the Federal Election and what we can do to help the Federal NDP. Of note, over lunch, we watched the movie, "Jack." It was both inspirational and emotional and I would recommend watching.

Most motions were of housekeeping nature, approving Committees budgets and members to their respective committees. To highlight a few motions: there was motion to donate two hundred dollars to each United Way Agency on Vancouver Island and Powell River, to expand the storage locker, contribute three hundred dollars to the Center for Policy Alternatives, and to make available three thousand dollars to the table officers annually to attend events. Reasoning behind this is VIDC meets but four times a year, the table officers will report any expenditure of these funds. The council continues to be in good financial shape and the next meeting will be November 28th followed by the Christmas Social. Each meeting there is a Community Fundraiser. This meeting's fundraiser was sponsored by the VIDC Women's Committee. Next meeting fundraiser will be for Seva Canada <http://www.seva.ca/>. Seva Canada is a Vancouver based charitable organization whose mission is to restore sight and prevent blindness in the developing world.

In solidarity
On behalf of CUPE 2081
Keith Todd