

RDLC Political Action Committee Report AGM - 2018

The focus this past year was on the Plebiscite on Saving Saskatchewan Crowns and to prevent the sell off by the current SK Party Government; the people of Saskatchewan should have a say, about whether the Crowns are sold in any amount before the government can do so or pass a bill to do so.

Initially Chris Stain and then Barb Byers was the contact and coordinator of this Campaign. Barb met with the District Labour Council to ask for our help. We needed 116,000 signatures, however was shooting for 125,000 as a buffer. The plan was to go out door knocking and get those signatures.

RDLC organized a couple of blitzes scheduled for October 14 and October 21, 2017; meeting at the SGEU Hall, thanks to SGEU for the use of their facility.

The event was posted on Facebook by Darin Milo and Shobna Radons.

We sent a call out for volunteers to Unifor and some Locals, we also tried to coordinate with the NDP as they had some of their Associations going out to do some leaflets drop.

At the RDLC Executive Meeting on October 11, 2017 a motion was passed to fund food for the volunteers after a hard day of door knocking, as a thank you. The rationale is that the money we donated to the plebiscite already, should stay on the campaign, though if we are short then they would kick in some to help out, as per conversation with Barb Byers. We donated \$5000 out of Political Action in the summer to help this campaign to get it started, following similar suit to that of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL).

Chris Strain who was out door knocking has told us, that he has been in the SK Party Constituencies and found that 60% of them are signing the petition!!! That is exciting!

Before we sent people out to door knock and to get signatures; there was some power training by Kent Petersen for October 14, 2017 and by Shobna Radons on October 21, 2018. We asked folks to commit to couple hours from the Executives and Alternates, though we got more folks outside of the RDLC Executive.

October 14, 2017 – we had 14 Volunteers, the weather was great and got 298 signatures in Walsh Acres, and fed our volunteers afterwards.

October 21, 2017 – we had 13 volunteers, the weather was windy, rainy and cold and we still got 316 signatures in Walsh Acres, and fed volunteers afterwards.

Out of the \$1000 given to provide eats for the hard working volunteers, we actually spent \$463.57 for both blitzes.

Most of the RDLC Executive took some petitions and got people to sign, people are glad to sign. Really it is a way to engage our members!! The goal was to have everyone try and get at least 200 signatures from co-workers, family, friends, community, neighbors. 60 % or 2/3rd of people were signing.

Debrief of these blitzes: Great turn out for volunteers and new people; on November 4, 2017 we did have some people out also to sign at the Football game. Were also looking for upcoming events to attend. Because of winter; most of door knocking stopped, though Barb Byers still going strong on this campaign.

We did make donations to some NDP fundraisers Events this past year.

Respectfully Submitted by

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