**1919 WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE CENTENARY CONFERENCE (WGSCC) COMMITTEE:**

**MINUTES: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018, 1:30PM | UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG**

**Present:**

Jim Naylor (Chair)

David Camfield

Tim Gordienko

Julie Guard

Rhonda Hinther

Jason Hooper (guest attendee)

Paul Jenkins

Krishna Lalbiharie

Jim Mochuruk

Paul Moist

Scott Price

Jeff Taylor

Janis Thiessen

**1. PROGRAMMING PROPOSAL RE: BILLY BRAGG, CCPA, CONFERENCE HEADLINERS, ETC.**

Jim Naylor, Rhonda Hinther, Jason Hooper and Jim Mochuruk met beforehand and suggest the following programming proposal re: Billy Bragg in connection with the CCPA:

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019:** Keynote Speaker: Jane McAlevey | Ukrainian Labour Temple

Sponsors: 1919 WGSCC Committee

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019:** Billy Bragg Musical Performance | WECC

Sponsors: 1919 WGSCC Committee & West End Cultural Centre

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019:** Billy Bragg Speaking Engagement | CCPA-Knox United Church

Sponsors: CCPA

Conference attendees will receive ticket priorities re: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 event. We will also provide bus/transportation services for Thursday and Friday activities.

The committee endorses the proposal, which Jason Hooper will communicate to the CCPA. Jason Hooper will continue to broker tour possibilities with Billy Bragg’s agents — this, including developing performing dates in Saskatoon and Edmonton.

Krishna Lalbiharie suggests, through Canadian Dimension connections, that Noam Chomsky might be a possibility as a major conference speaker/draw should all Bragg proposals fail. Krishna will investigate.

Julie Guard recommends (should Bragg fail/regardless) that we ought to seek-out concert programming possibilities, which include local, progressive musicians and artists — these, including Propagandhi, The Weakerthans, etc. Julie also notes that our programming ought to feature Winnipeg Indigenous performers (suggestions: Indian City, Eagle and Hawk, Leonard Sumner).

The committee agrees that if Bragg is unable to attend our conference activities, that we move towards programming the FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 event (at WECC or elsewhere) in support of local acts and musicians.

**A sub-committee to explore local talent programming was struck, which includes: ]Julie Guard, Scott Price, Janis Thiessen and Krishna Lalbiharie**

**2. KEYNOTE SPEAKER CONFIRMED**

Krishna Lalbiharie confirms that Jane McAlevey has agreed to serve as our conference keynote speaker. McAlevey has agreed to participate for a price that covers speaking fees, accommodations, airfare, etc. that (combined) should not exceed $5,000.00 CDN total.

**3. CONFERENCE PAPER PROPOSAL REPORTS**

Following a meeting between Jim Naylor, Jim Mochuruk and Julie Guard, Julie Guard reported that some changes to our conference’s schedule of paper presenters might come about/need considering. A report back on this will be received at our next meeting.

Paul Moist reiterates that all presentations should be contextualized with introductions from knowledgeable 1919 Strike speakers.

**4. HOTELS/ACCOMODATIONS:**

Paul Jenkins reports that the rates at our conference’s prospective hotel bookings are as follows:

ALT HOTEL: $139-$159/night (35 rooms)

FORT GARRY HOTEL: $159/night (35 rooms)

ALT attrition rates: 90 days out: 25% cancelation; 31 days out: 75% cancelation

Fort Garry attrition rates: 30 days out: discretionary.

The committee directs Paul to secure contracts with The Alt and the HFG based on these proposals.

**5. SSHRC GRANT UPDATES:**

Rhonda Hinther reports that our SSHRC second re-filing submission has been received and that we await a response.

**6. WEBPAGE:**

Krishna will relaunch/redesign after transferring to a new web hosting platform.

**7. NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018 — 1:30PM, UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG**