

Kingston Area Council Minutes
AGM
December 12, 2013
PSAC Kingston Regional Office

Call to order: 1830hrs by Pres Bucherer

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Rej Bruneau	1VP	UNDE Local 641
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE Local 00016
Ed Jones		DCL 818
Christo Aivalis	2VP	DCL 901 (TA)
Martin J. Smaglinski		UNDE Local 641
Richard McNeill		USGE Local 00016
Paul Chaves		USGE Local 0103
Jacquie Whyman		UTE Local 00011
Matthew Scribner		DCL 901
Alison Fraser		DCL 901
Serge Abbott		AG 978
Mike Linington		USGE Local 00014
Adam Jackson		UTE Local 00011
Phil Trottier		Retired
Janet Lisk		Retired
John Singleton		Retired
Sharon DeSousa		REVP
MaryAnne Laurico		Staff
Kellie Loshak		Staff

President Bucherer welcomed everyone and thanked R.E.V.P. Sharon DeSousa for attending.

National Sit-In spoke on by REVP

PSAC political action committee report's it will be looked at in February at the Board meeting. They are meeting more often than the usual 3 times a year due to the recent political events. There are 30 000 members in Ontario but only have 2300 cards signed. We need member support in order to run major actions, other regions are similar as far as the cards are concerned. Asked about expectations, REVP stated she would like to see

80% of the cards signed. Br. Trottier said that historically only 10% of PSAC have been active. He suggested that we act as soon as legislature resumes. REVP agreed that we need to greet MPs returning from Winter break.

Operation Christmas Cheer

This is a project that has been ongoing for several years that supports striking members' families in Renfrew who have been locked out for 3 years. Motion to donate \$100.

McNeill/Aivalis
(m/s/c)

Motion to encourage other locals to donate, too.

Chaves/ Whyman
(m/s/c)

Motion to donate \$100 to the striking workers at the Ramada Inn in Trenton.

McNeill/ Bruneau
(m/s/c)

Food Drives

There have been a lot of food drives done by employers so not really able to run ones at the worksites. Br. Chaves suggested maybe Easter would be a better time. PSAC office will still accept donations and Br. Bruneau will deliver before Christmas. We still have the bags with our logo on them that can be provided to each local if they wish. Br. Trottier reported that the NDP did a food drive and they picked up 6 cars full of food which they donated to Interval House.

Political Action dinner

Br. McNeill reported that many locals used to buy gift cards for their members at Christmas but since this has become a taxable benefit he is looking into having a political action dinner instead. This way the members still see some benefit from their dues but it also gives us a captive audience. He is currently working on numbers and is looking at having it in January.

Bill C-4, et al

Several meetings organized by Br. Trottier:

Scott Reid (conference call) it was well attended lasted 50 minutes he was willing to meet again and would follow up with more answers.

Darryl Kramp stated that many health and safety cases were frivolous.

Gord Brown declined to meet, but he already meet with the Rideau workers and several other PSAC members.

Br. Smaglinski mentioned that he wrote many letters and reported that Ted Hsu contacted both UNDE and UTE and br. Chaves updated council members that the MP was at Millhaven where he met with USGE members and took a tour. Ted Hsu is not in favour of C-4 and will support us when able. Br. McNeill urged to get Liberals as well as NDP to commit to reversing C-4 in the next election. Bill C-4 received Royal assent today.

Financial Report

Sr. Jones delivered the financial report.

Smaglinski/Chaves.

(m/s/c)

Sr. Jones was recognized for all her hard work in bringing the financials up to date.

Elections

Sr. De Sousa and Sr. Laurico stood as our election committee.

President

Ralf Bucherer nominated by Br. McNeill, seconded by Br. Smaglinski; accepted.

Richard McNeill nominated by Sr. Jones, seconded by Sr. Robinson, declined.

Br. Bucherer acclaimed

2nd Vice President

Ed Jones nominated by Br. McNeill and seconded by Br. Bucherer; accepted.

No further nominations

Br. Jones acclaimed

REVP administered the oath of office.

Question Period with R.E.V.P.

Members reached consensus to continue after official adjournment;
R.E.V.P.'s schedule permitting.

Official meeting adjourned at 20:30

Question period lasted past 21:40.

Next meeting January 9, 2014.