

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on
February 19, 2014
PSAC Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, Ontario**

Call to order: 1842hrs by Pres Bucherer

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Rej Bruneau	Vice President	UNDE Local 641
Ed Jones	2 nd Vice President	DCL 818
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE Local 00016
Richard McNeill		USGE Local 00016
Serge Abbott		Agriculture Local 978
Paul Chaves		USGE 00103
Mathew Scribner		DCL 901
Alison Fraser		DCL 901
Linda Cross		Regional Office Rep

Regrets:

Jacquie Whyman	
Phil Trottier	PSAC Retired
Michelle Poirier	UVAE 00013
Janet Lisk	PSAC Retired
John Singleton	Retired

Minutes from previous meeting motioned by Br. Jones, seconded by Br. Abbott, and passed

USGE Political Action Dinner

USGE locals only; it was held January 30, 2014. About 67-68 people attended. Four speakers, including John Edmonds and Sharon DeSousa, spoke on Bills C-4, C-525 and C-377. They relayed great messages to educate our members on these bills. It was well received so we should look at having another one in the future with possibly having political candidates speak. This would be a good way to educate our members about labour friendly candidates.

Political Action

The rally scheduled for Jan 27, 2014 was cancelled due to climate conditions. 24-26 people were confirmed, all the speakers were confirmed however road conditions prevented us from going. Canada Coach was cancelled the morning of Jan 27, 2014, and nothing further was heard from them in regards to a bill or cancellation fee.

Ontario Federation of Labour

The Ontario Federation of Labour has started a Workers' Rights Campaign including a Hudak attack that the Kingston District Labour Council is supporting.

On March 17, 2014 at 6pm there will be a Municipal Meeting in regards to the Provincial campaign at the KDLC on Sutherland Street.

On March 18, 2014 there will be a "Together Fairness Works" all day event, from 9:00-4:30, for more information please visit the following websites:

https://sms.clc-ctc.ca/imis15_prod/wcm

<http://www.canadianlabour.ca/action-center/together-fairness-works/decent-pensions>

On April 2, 2014 Jerry Dias, President of the Unifor the Union will be speaking at St. Lawrence College, 100 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston from 11:30-1:00. Send RSVP to Ruby McClenaghan at slclabourforum@gmail.com or 613-583-7829.

Community Outreach

Partners for Life

Many members already donate blood so this is a positive way to get our name out there. It costs nothing and only takes an hour of time. It could be as easy as members notifying staff at the clinic that they are part of PSAC. It goes on a board at Partners for Life at the Blood donor clinic. We could even expand if it is popular enough to have the clinic come to the sites, if Warden's or supervisors would agree to that. It would be good news for sites, for the union and positive for the community. The site presidents would need to promote these events. Queen's is having a donation day on March 26, 2014, so they could promote that event. Blood services can provide some posters, etc to help with promotion. Two motions were passed.

1: That the Kingston Area Council become a Partner for Life with the Canadian Blood Services,

(m/s/) Br. Chaves, Br. Bruneau

2:That the Kingston Area Council in conjunction with Locals and Blood Services promote to all members, to become blood donors
(m/s) Br. Chaves, Br. McNeill

Br. Chaves agreed to be the co-ordinator for this initiative and will be given a website email address.

Buskers and Blues

Br. McNeill presented the idea that this year we reach out and expand on what we have done in previous years. We should bring in the Veterans, and postal workers who have been also experienced devastating cuts by the Federal government. It would be great to have veterans there to speak to people. Also, we should have people who are affected by the decision to no longer have door-to-door mail delivery and can't get out and to a communal mailbox. We would need lots of volunteers as they would need to be rotated often and would need a shuttle service to take them to and from the park. Sr. Alison Fraser from DCL901 already has a contact at CUPW and will ask about them joining us. Br. McNeill volunteered to contact veterans. Br. Bruneau volunteered to cost out Canadian flag pins. Sr. Robinson volunteered to cut the black ribbon and attach pins. If funding does not come in time perhaps we could look at getting a loan from the locals to cover the cost.

PSAC training

PSAC Regional Office had to cancel courses, because there weren't enough participants enrolled; Anyone can take these courses; they don't have to be part of the executive of a local to take these courses.

Resolutions

9 resolutions were discussed and passed to be sent to PSAC Ontario 6th Regional Convention.

Roundtable

Thank you letters were received from the Ramada in Trenton and SEIU Healthcare for our donations.

We have a GIC for \$1000. For 1 year at 1.35%.

Next meeting will be March 12, 2014