

Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on April 18, 2013
Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, ON

Roll Call at 1830hrs

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Rej Bruneau	Vice	UNDE Local 641
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL Local 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE Local 00016
Richard McNeill		USGE Local 00016
Ed Jones		DCL Local 818
Martin Smaglinski		UNDE Local 641
Serge Beaudry		DCL Local 818
Byron Duguay		USGE RVP Ont
John Singleton	retired	
Janet Lisk	retired	
Phil Trottier	retired	

Regrets Paul Chaves, Michelle Poirier

Meeting commenced 1830hrs

Minutes from previous meeting m/s/c Ed Jones, Martin Smaglinski

Leadership meeting April 18, 2013, many members attended this training; some were disappointed with the lack of plan and the late date of the training and the anticipated negative feedback about the cards. We need to put forward a motion that some of our dues be used for advertising.

If you have RAND members on your list, get them to sign a union card and engage them in union activities. This needs to be done before this private members bill comes up for review so that every union member knows why they pay union dues. We need more local development, not just executives and need to keep executives politically active.

PSAC Cards, we need clarification on confidentiality of info to be collected; br. Bucherer to follow up with RO.

NoP3 plebiscite in Kingston – 9, 885 votes. 96% voted in favour of public hospitals. There were more volunteers needed. Natalie Mehra, Ontario Health Coalition Director, was impressed with how it was held and a lot was learned that will be helpful for the next plebiscite that happens in Windsor. Volunteers maybe needed to assist with the Windsor plebiscite if anyone is interested. Overall successful, PSAC Regionally and Nationally supported this initiative.

Food Bank Food Drives – The Food Bank would not allow a polling station at Partners in Mission Food Bank for the NoP3s plebiscite. AreaCouncil received thank you letter for the Christmas food drive. The

cuts to public services have increased the need for food donations. Richard McNeill offered to do a food drive at KP/RTC and call Phil to pick up for NDP's Mother's Day food drive on May 11, 2013.

NPSW – Robyn Benson asked that members boycott employer sponsored events. Andrew Vanhorn reported at last meeting about non-employer options for NPSW. Andrew Vanhorn secured The Merchant Tapp for his members for a steak and a pint. The legion is not available. If we want the legion we need to book a year in advance so we need to start looking at next year now. City Park is a possibility. June 8 or June 15 we will need volunteers to set up, clean up, hand out popcorn and cotton candy, catered BBQ.

Swag – We decided to get some tote bags to be used for swag. Br. Singleton looked into bags, two colour printing. There are three options, plastic, paper, cotton. National recommended that the "We are all affected" logo be used. Should be Canadian, union made, whatever we decide to purchase. Br. McNeil advised that USGE will once again donate to our events. Motion that Br. Singleton be allowed to go ahead to get pricing for up to 500 bags, m/s/c Richard McNeil, Ed Jones, carried.

Buskers – We need registration site fees, Br. McNeill to put forth paperwork to get some funds from USGE. Treasurer will write a cheque for this event.

Blues – We need support from locals, financial as well as volunteers.

Support - We need volunteers, Byron stated he would try to drum up volunteers at the USGE Presidents meeting next week. Give people the opportunity to volunteer in order to get the message out. Use the Kingston office list to send out request for volunteers.

Website – We are still looking for more people to add things to the website.

NDP Community Park Clean up – Community Action Network of the Kingston NDP at Lafleur Park on Van Order Drive, west of LCVI in Calvin Park on Sunday April 21, 2013 beginning at 11:00 am rain or shine. Please come out bring your work gloves, there will be drinks and food provided.

Living wage campaign – There is a campaign for living wages it is a huge issue in this region, if you want to participate see Br. McNeil for more information.

National Day of Mourning - Kingston & District Labour Council will host at USW Union Hall, Greenridge Plaza, 105 Sutherland Drive, Suite 7, Kingston. Lunch (hot dogs and beans) -- signifying what injured workers can afford to eat. Cost: \$5 for single ticket or \$50 for a sheet of 10 tickets. Contact: Kingston and District Labour Council (905) 548-4952

Database – A few of us need to come in and sit down with Kellie and look at database with member's information and consolidate and/or create updated contact info/e-mail lists.

Roundtable:

Unity Credit Union was bought out by Kawartha Credit Union and therefore we will have to spend the money to reorder new cheques.

Next meeting: May 9, 2013 at PSAC Office in Kingston