

Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on May 8, 2013
Kingston Regional Office

Roll Call at 1855hrs

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL Local 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE Local 00016
Richard McNeill		USGE Local 00016
Ed Jones		DCL Local 818
Paul Chaves		USGE Local 0103
Janet Lisk	retired	
Phil Trottier	retired	

Regrets: Michelle Poirier

Agenda adopted m/s/c Paul Chaves, Peggy Jones

Minutes from previous meeting adopted m/s/c Phil Trottier, Peggy Jones

Business arising from minutes: Ralf provided copies of an email from Sharon DeSouza saying there isn't much money available and it needs to be shared among all of the area councils so she would be in touch with him. There probably won't be money available to purchase the swag and things that we had planned.

NPSW

National Public Service Worker Appreciation Day through the union is planned for June 8 at City Park. There will be no bouncy castle as there was a requirement for 2 million dollar liability policy which was too expensive. CSC Honour guard is willing to prepare/BBQ food. A donation jar would be better than selling the food as once you are selling food you need to purchase a \$250 food selling licence. KAC will provide tents, tables, etc. No swag, prizes or face painting will be possible unless we receive funding. VanHorne took care of arranging all of the entertainment for City Park that will cost \$1600. Members were encouraged to write letters to Robyn and Chris about spending some money to show appreciation for our members, especially since we are asking them not to attend employer sponsored events.

Buskers

Entry fee has already been paid, however, if advertising hasn't been done yet perhaps we could withdraw due to funding issues. This will have to be weighed as we have already made a semi-commitment to this event and it may only cost us watermelon.

NDP

The NDP will be having a food drive in Strathcona Park on Saturday May 11, from 10-12. All donations will be going to Don House. If interested in participating contact Dave Kerr at 613-766-6243/613-449-9008.

NDP are also looking for responses on the budget, Ralf to post on our website so our members can have their say.

Community Events

Paul Chaves suggested that we get the positive message out to the public about unions by encouraging members to get involved in charity events and wear union shirts. Possible things could be June 7 Relay for Life, June 14/15 Pitch in Day with the United Way, Terry Fox Run in September, Torch relay for Special Olympics. We could add these events to our events page on our website. We could also list these events in a newsletter.

Roundtable

P3 Hospital

Dr. Lister will be a guest speaker May 9, 2013 at Johnson St. Public Library from 7-9p.m. members were encouraged to attend. He is a leading expert on these hospitals in the UK and has a vast knowledge of how they are substantially harming the UK's economy. On May 10, 2013, he will be meeting with dignitaries at City Hall at 9:30a.m. Chris Allworth to attend.

EI Information

There was a Town Hall Meeting in Brockville on April 30, 2013 at 6:30. Martin Smaglinski and Sheri Robinson attended. A petition was provided. Sheri will scan and email information to Ralf who will post on website. Daniel Beales is willing to come to a meeting and speak or listen to our concerns as a union.

May 15, 2013 the John King vs Attorney General of Canada will be heard in Federal Court at 9:30a.m. at 90 Sparks Street, Ottawa, docket number A140A12

Parks Action proposal was to collect 1 piece of clothing or equipment for each surplus employee and have a media campaign on Parks Day in July. Some of the locking stations will be closing and will have phones located at lock stations and boaters will have to call to have someone attend to let them through the locks.

Celebration of Life for Barry Done will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion 631 (corner of Bath and Collins Bay Road) on May 18, 2013 at 1:00.

CRA has changes coming and therefore there will be upcoming layoffs as well as our personal information will be contracted out, possibly even to the U.S. We need to ensure that we let our MP's know that we find this unacceptable.

Next meeting will be June 13, 2013

Adjourned at 2040hrs.