

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on
July 9, 2014
PSAC Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, Ontario**

Call to order: 1829hrs by Pres Bucherer

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE 00056
Rej Bruneau	Vice President	UNDE 641
Ed Jones	2 nd Vice President	DCL 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE 00103
Serge Abbott		Agriculture 978
Janet Lisk		Retired
Linda Cross	RO Rep	
Michelle Hamelin		USGE 00044
Phil Trottier		Retired
Sherry Turcotte		UNDE 691
<u>Via Teleconference</u>		
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL 818
Richard McNeill		USGE 00038
Grant Tennant		UNDE 629

Regrets:

Paul Chaves
Jacquie Whyman

Previous Minutes: m/s/c Br. Trottier/Br. Bruneau, passed

Labour Day

Robyn Benson and Sharon DeSousa are scheduled to attend the Labour Day parade and festivities in Kingston this year. It is absolutely essential that we get every possible member from our locals out to this event. Advertise, advertise, advertise.

Buskers

Buskers is this weekend July 11-12, 2014. Many people volunteered to set up and work at our booth. We will have 2 petitions, one for Canada Post and one for Affordable Healthcare. We have received most of the swag that we ordered, Veteran's pins have been purchased and Br. Bruneau

brought in some samples. A website has been set up for Veteran's at www.psacunion.ca/veterans. Br. Bruneau will pick up the watermelons from Loblaws for the Buskers.

Clothing Drive for St. Vincent de Paul

Together we collected a truck full of clothing for St. Vincent de Paul and Br. Jones dropped off and they were very grateful for our contribution.

Political Action Dinner

This will not be a USGE dinner like the two in the past, but a PSAC dinner. Br. McNeill and Br. Bruneau will be the committee chairs and Br. Jones and Sr. Hamelin volunteered to assist. Robyn Benson will attend and be a guest speaker again. Several of the Component Presidents are supportive of this event, yet the only two components to join on so far are USGE and UNDE. Unless we hear from more components it will be difficult to know how many people to plan for.

T-shirts

Bill UNDE local 641 for 3 shirts. Maybe look into Novel Notion Advertising (NNA) as a possible supplier next time as these shirts were too small for many in PSAC.

Social Justice Forum

There will be a social justice forum march in Ottawa on 21 August 2014, it is the same day as Blues and the same day as UNDE Convention but we need 25 people to go to Ottawa and partake in this march. The march will take place from 3-6pm. The bus will leave from the Kingston District Labour Council. Christo and local 901 is the lead on this and more information can be obtained by contacting him.

Toronto Pride Parade

Many of our members were unhappy that a stipend was paid to men to wear underwear bearing the PSAC logo in the Pride Parade in Toronto. Was this appropriate? How much did it cost? Why were only men hired? What connotations does it have to have our logo on the butt of underwear? Sr. Hamelin is going to do up a letter to send to the Toronto Office. It was thought we are going to continue to participate in this event than we should ensure that it is appropriate and that it better represents our members and their dues.

Banking issues

Br. McNeill reported that he has spoken with Sharon Desousa and that they were shopping around for the best rates among the credit unions and had taken steps to carry out the resolution.

Br. Bruneau contacted the Federal Employees Credit Union and negotiated a \$3 a month rate for all union members the same as what the military receive. In addition there will be greater savings who bring in their business accounts. They gave as a banner, brochures and business cards that we will display at Buskers.

Provincial Election

The Liberals won the area but the NDP came in second and feel that they ran a good campaign. There was an increase in both support and voter turnout. The last election there was a 10000 voter spread between the Liberal and NDP candidates and this year that spread was decreased to 4000 which is very positive. The campaign did run a small deficit so they are still looking for donations. The number of volunteers this time increased substantively as well so there is a movement in the right direction. There is a volunteer appreciation Friday July 18, 2014 at 7pm at the Steele Center and any volunteers are invited to attend.

Waterway Update

There is now a firing frenzy happening at Parks Canada and they are hiring new staff instead of re-hiring the staff they let go. The boat traffic is roughly the same as last year. The media timings were wrong so that has caused some confusion and could be the reason for the lack of boaters.

Next meeting: August 13, 2014

Adjournment: 1730hrs.