

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on
June 11, 2014
PSAC Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, Ontario**

Call to order: 1830hrs by VP Bruneau

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE 00056
Rej Bruneau	Vice President	UNDE 641
Ed Jones	2 nd Vice President	DCL 818
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE 00103
Richard McNeill		USGE 00038
Serge Abbott		Agriculture 978
Janet Lisk		Retired
Michelle Poirier		UVAE 00013
Linda Cross	RO Rep	
Tony Baldassarra		CUPW 556
Michelle Hamelin		USGE 00044
Jim Kennedy		USGE 00039

Regrets:

Paul Chaves
Phil Trottier

Previous Minutes: m/s/c Sr. Robinson and Br. Jones

Postal Campaign

They are still giving pink slips to staff and yet hiring more supervisors. It is felt that many WSIB claims are being denied unfairly. They have started a nationwide campaign on city buses, etc to get the word out about the changes at Canada Post and the negative effects the cuts are having and will continue to have. The number of offices being closed is continuing to grow. They want to join us at Buskers and Blues. It is important to note that the staffs in the Shopper's Drug Mart post offices are Shopper's employees and not Canada Post workers.

Buskers and Blues

Buskers is July 11-12, 2014 and Blues is Aug 21-24, 2014. We need volunteers for Buskers as soon as possible. Please send names to Br. McNeill or Br. Bucherer so that a schedule can be developed. Saturday night was very busy last year so we should focus extra volunteers during that time. The swag for our events comes in at \$7285, CUPW is willing to pay \$2500 towards that amount and we will work to include their logo on the other side of bags, first aid kits and get Frisbees and pens done half with our logo and half with their logo. Br. Bruneau will purchase 1000 Canada Flag pins for Veteran's Affairs black ribbon campaign. Ribbon needs to be approx. ¼" X approx 2" long. Sr. Poirier to find Veteran's to volunteer and spread the word about how the cuts are affecting them.

Labour Day

Sharon DeSousa is scheduled to attend the Labour Day parade and festivities in Kingston this year. We will look into inviting Sid Ryan from CLC to attend as well. Sr. Jones is still working on getting a Band committed for the day. UNDE to do the popcorn and cotton candy again and USGE to do apples and potatoes again.

Clothing Drive for St. Vincent de Paul

Together we collected a truck full of clothing for St. Vincent de Paul and Br. Jones will be dropping it off tomorrow afternoon (June 12, 2014).

Big Bike

The Big Bike was a fun and a huge success. The PSACares team raised \$1465 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Br. Jones raised the highest amount of \$260.

Button Maker – deferred

Convention Report

Sharon DeSousa was re-elected as REVP. Members are very happy that the banking resolution was passed, however it has not been publicized. Br. McNeill motioned to have a letter written to Sharon DeSousa ref the resolution asking when it will be recognized and the process started. Br. Jones seconded and it was carried. Pres. Bucherer to write the letter. We now need to push this nationally next year at the convention. Members need to move towards getting Components to switch from banks to credit unions as well. UNDE did not support this motion but Br. Bruneau is going to work on this front. UTE is campaigning to have their budget restored to

prior cut funding. Br. McNeill has some mail in cards for anyone that is interested in taking a few.

Pres Bucherer thanked everyone that helped with his campaign for REVP.

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. The dinner will likely be during the second week of September so that DCL 901 can be included as school will be back in session by then. The 3 hours was not enough time so we are looking to expand it to 4-5 hours. Since it is being expanded to all of PSAC members we may need a larger venue. It would be good to have a Young Worker guest speaker to address and represent the young workers. It might be wise to extend an invitation to Hassan Yussuff to speak as well.

T-shirts

Cavan/Union made t-shirts have arrived but they are disappointing as they are pretty much all too small. The men's shirts fit a size or two smaller than normal size and are very short. The women's shirts are more like youth shirts and don't fit any of us. The shirts are \$43 and we will work on something new as it's not possible to get all of our member's shirts that fit. Pres Bucherer stated that a 3rd logo is possible at an extra \$3 per shirt if anyone is interested. Maybe look into Novel Notion Advertising (NNA) as a possible supplier instead.

National Public Servant Week

National Public Servant's week runs from June 16-20, 2014. PSAC has asked all members to boycott employer sponsored events at the workplace. PSAC has put out a flier and hopefully those go out to members next week. On June 19 all members are to walk out at lunch, this needs to be a strategic walk out in large work areas. UVAE is going to be walking up and down the street at their location on Superior Court (corner of John Counter and Lappins Lane) between 12-1. All are invited to join in and show support. Other locals have other things planned throughout the week to show the union strength and solidarity. Andrew Van Horn from Joyceville Institution Minimum unit has organized an event at the Tir Na Nog. Anyone at the last Political Dinner could have picked up a coupon for the dinner.

Food Drive

We will promote food donation at all 3 of our events, giving out bags. We will round up and donate approximately two weeks before Thanksgiving. It is thought that we should give all the donations to Napanee or Gananogue this time.

Provincial Election

The Election is tomorrow night, please ensure you get out and vote and encourage members, family, friends and associates to vote as well. If you are part of the labour force you could at least consider voting Labour Friendly. This will be seen as a spring board for next year's Federal Election so it is very important.

Young workers Group

Brs. McNeill and Bucherer are going to try and get the Young workers Group started again. If you have any suggestions or members that would be interested, please have them contact one of those Brs.

Next meeting: July 9, 2014