

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on
March 13, 2014
PSAC Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, Ontario**

Call to order: 1830hrs 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
Linda Cross		Regional Office Rep
John Singleton		Retired
Janet Lisk		PSAC Retired
Phil Trottier		PSAC Retired
Carol Jennings		USGE RVP Community PBC

Regrets:

Michelle Poirier	UVAE 00013
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Minutes from previous meeting motioned by Br. Abbott, seconded by Br. Chaves, and passed

Buskers and Blues

It was determined that we should set aside \$600 for 2 days at Buskers and \$1000 for 4 days at Blues. If we don't have enough money we will ask for a loan from some of the locals. Sr. Robinson was assigned to fill out the applications for both events and to submit the blue Regional Crest for use on advertising. Br. Bruneau provided that the price of the flag pins may be \$1800 so we will try to get a lower price for the bulk order of 10,000 or we will look at lowering it to 5,000 pins. Frisbees, waterbottles, stickers and watermelon will be considered again for swag items. We will discuss at a later date whether volunteers will be paid for a meal, per diem or parking dependent upon our budget.

LeadNow.ca/connect

This organization is similar to Fair Vote and others that is trying to get people motivated to get out and vote for a fair government. They advocate for a democratic, fair and responsible government and want to educate Canadian voters. Sr. Robinson motioned to invite a speaker to our next meeting to see if this is an organization we want to align with to educate our members, seconded by Br. Bucherer, and passed.

Lisa Marion and Darlene Medhurst from the Kingston and District Labour Council requested to attend one of our meetings and there were no objections. Br. McNeill to relay that message.

Political Action Committee

The committee from Ontario Regional Council had an emergency phone call on fight back against Bill 525. There is a template on their website that everyone should participate in:

<http://ontario.psaac.com/email/send-your-member-of-parliament-a-message>

We should look at producing white papers for the Convention Resolutions in order to help our resolutions make it to the floor.

Community Outreach

Food Drive for Easter

We will be doing a Food Drive for Easter in order to help support our communities. Locals inside the area will collect donations and it will be donated in Kingston, locals outside the area will donate to whatever food bank is in their area. "We are all Affected" paper bags will be used to collect food donations. Donations should be brought in on 16 April 2014, at our next meeting, so they can all be delivered at once to the food bank.

Partners for Life

Br. Chaves reported that we will be given an ID# and that members can go online and sign up using the ID# and select PSAC as our organization and we will get credited for that donation wherever it is made. Our goal for this year is 300 donations. Br. Bucherer will put this information on our website. All on-site clinics are booked for this year so that's not a possibility this year.

We also discussed an email address PSACares, and having that embroidered on good quality polo shirts to demonstrate to our community that we are out there doing good things. Br. Bucherer will look at designing

a logo and contact Caven about set up costs. This could be used as a National campaign.

Sr. Robinson to complete the report for the Ontario Convention

Roundtable

NDP is holding a Voter Training Course March 15-16, 2014 at the OPSEU center at Bath and Princess. Lunch is included. Anyone interested should contact Phil Trottier to get registered.

Tom Mulcair will be at Queen's University to give a speech on April 25, 2014.

KDLC has a meeting on March 18 at 7pm for anyone interested in attending.

Next meeting will be April 16, 2014

Meeting adjourned 2020hrs.