

Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on January 10,
2013 Kingston Regional Office, Kingston, ON

Roll Call at 1830hrs

Attendees: Ralf Bucherer President	UCTE Local 00056
Rej Bruneau 1st Vice	UNDE Local 641
Peggy Jones Treasurer	DCL 818
Sheri Robinson Secretary	USGE Local 00016
Janet Lisk	UCTE Local 00056
Richard McNeill	USGE 00016
Michelle Poirier	UVAE Local 00013
Byron Duguay	USGE
Phil Trottier	retired
John Singleton	retired
Jacquelyn Whyman	UTE 00011
Adam Jackson	UTE RVP
Linda Cross	PSAC Rep

regrets: Christo Aivalis, Martin Smaglinski, Paul Chaves, Laura Estcott

PSAC statement on harassment

Adoption of agenda w. following additions

- Health coalition
- Day of Action, 26 Jan 2013 in Toronto
- Toronto Boat show

(m/s/c McNeill/Lisk)

Adoption of minutes from previous meeting (December 13, 2012)

- minor adjustments,
(m/s/c Bruneau/Poirier)

Business arising from previous minutes

Childcare during meetings

Could have high school student to volunteer for volunteer hours, Rej will set up if needed. Easier in Kingston than in Trenton. Promote among locals for future meeting; sr. Robinson to collect names.

Carpooling

can be coordinated with sr. Cross who volunteered

Skype

Haven't got around to setting up yet but Ralf to try before next meeting.

Frankfurt Blues Festival

It is not widely publicized. See if PSAC members in that area are interested in participating, if there is interest then we could look at supporting. Send volunteer names to Ralf.

Year-end financial report

At this point br. Bucherer turned over the chair to the 1.VP and made a motion:

To table the year end financial report and establish a committee to review the books:

Rational:

- we don't have a year end printout, the outgoing treasure is not present to answer any question, not sufficient time to review since the books and report were received just prior to the meeting.

This was re-iterated by br. McNeill saying this way the new treasurer can start with a clean slate.

(m/s/c Bucherer/McNeill)

Reviews committee: Sr. Whyman, sr. Poirier and br. Trottier; to meet February 9, 2013.

br. Bucherer resumed the chair.

We are looking into changing financial Institutions, REVP ON to look into outstanding cheques.

2013 Budget

Tabled till after the review of the books

Food Bank

Intentions are to get members involved, help food bank, and get us some exposure.

br. Bucherer suggested to establish a standing committee and have the committee report back to council at meetings.

Committee :

br. McNeill, chair and br. Bruneau.

br. McNeill suggested maybe two food drives possible, one before Christmas and one before Easter. We could get bags printed with the "We are all affected" logo. NCR-AC made a podcast for their Food drive. Need to get our members involved.

Ontario Health coalition P3 project

volunteers needed for April 13, 2013 plebiscite. In order to stop it from going private 10 000 votes are required. Volunteers and staff are need to staff a downtown office for 2 months. Coalition is looking for donations. January 23, 2013 next meeting, Richard to attend.

Day of Action at the Liberal Convention (26 Jan 2013, 1:00p.m.)

- KDLC has 2 Buses to Toronto for protest, KDLC Sponsored. br. McNeill to take names. Need to encourage participation; there maybe an additional bus if enough members are going.

Toronto Boat show (Toronto Boat Show 12-20 January 2013)

-Parks Canada cuts to Historic Canals, hours/staff quite substantial will be devastating to communities. Media did not cover this issue in this area very well. Br. Bucherer asked if there would be interest in attending and raising awareness.

Brothers McNeill and Trottier volunteered to attend January 19 and hand out flyers and inform boaters and public of the cutbacks and how those will affect boaters and communities this summer. Br. Bucherer to draft flyer and check with component and ON REVP. Richard suggested to extend this to visit all the major marinas this spring before opening of season

Website

Website is in the process of being changed over from our old domain to <http://kingstonpsac.ca/> greater flexibility; allows for guest contributors; easier to manage updates; ability to create mailing list that members will be able to self-administer subscriptions.

Strategy meeting

It was suggested that schedule a strategy meeting, where we can set up deadlines, timelines, and budgets for events and actions throughout the year. Meeting to be held on Saturday February 9, 2013 at 1000-1700hrs at PSAC office. Bring list of contacts to share.

Roundtable

Commissionaires are being cut at RMC, this is a safety and security issue and Rej will look into this situation.

UVAE has a case that is going before the Public Service Staffing Tribunal, for discontinuation of function that were sent to Service Canada who sent out to another provider, many cuts and there really isn't any discontinuation of service. 800 people are to be laid off by 2016, second round of cuts to come out in April.

Byron Duguay talked about the Quick chill process that is coming to CSC and the cutting of the Food Services positions. Byron requested that Ralf send emails to his PSAC address.

Richard McNeill, CSC wants to save 173 million over the 3 years. FOS staff will be cut or reduced to lower positions. SERLO (Selection for Employment for Retention or Layoff) process to begin, ensure that you know the proper SERLO process so that you can hold management to those standards. Richard expects that more news will be coming this year about more cuts.

CFB Kingston, mainly professors that have been cut so far at RMC.

SERLO process has begun for a few positions

Janet Lisk has been declared surplus and has asked for substantiation as to why she was declared surplus. Phil suggested filing human rights complaint.

Adam Jackson suggested that there are more cuts coming in Canada Revenue Agency, records department staff have been cut, and records are being privatized, which puts every Canadian's personal information at risk.

Idle no more, tomorrow downtown at 1:00
Teachers may or may not be on strike tomorrow depending upon the decision of the Ontario Ministry of Labour
Ontario Waterways just announced 82 vacant positions about half of which are in administration, this after surplussing 30+ on TSW alone, November 30, 2012.
Barry Done passed away at 66 years of age, over the Holidays, he was active in the union, 29 years with PSAC. His family will have a celebration of his life in Saturday May 18, 2013, br. Trottier to update.

Next meeting : Wednesday February 13, 2013 here at PSAC 1800hrs.
Moved up 1 day due to the reg. Meeting date falling on Valentines Day,

Adjournment 20:45