

Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on February 13, 2013
Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, ON

Roll Call at 1830hrs

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL Local 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE Local 00016
Janet Lisk		UCTE Local 00056
Linda Cross		PSAC Rep
Michelle Poirier		UVAE Local 00013
Ed Jones		DCL Local 818
Paul Chaves		USGE Local 0103
John Singleton	retired	
Martin Smaglinski		UNDE Local 641

Adopted minutes from January 10, 2013, (First Sr. Poirier and seconded Br. Jones)

Website

The website needs to be kept updated, Br. Bucherer is updating news feeds daily. We are now looking for columnists and people who want to write blogs, etc on the website. The information must be factual, and non-malicious. Be aware that your employer may see what you post. There are labour laws that protect union representatives in regards to political action but these labour laws do not provide the same protection to all members. The website also allows for book reviews, political columns, newsletters, mailing lists, schedule of volunteers, buy and sell, there is something for everyone and something for the members, by the members. Br. Bucherer showed the website and demonstrated how it works. We will also add links to component's locals websites. AFSAR president, Eileen Duncan was given a spot on the website.

Event leads

No leads have been assigned to events but we will work towards this. Br. McNeill and Br. Bruneau have been assigned to lead the Food Bank and that is a standing committee.

Financial Account

We closed the account at the Federal Employees Credit Union. We were given a cheque and we opened a new account at Kawartha Credit Union. There are several locations so it should be easier for signing authorities to get into a location close their homes. No financial report done at this time due to the changing of accounts and Peggy just taking over as treasurer.

Roundtable

Tote bags are still being looked into, need to be union made and made in Canada or at least North American.

17 Jan VAC handed out another 203 surplus letters to employees in the office. Sr. Poirier explained that and there will be more cuts before 2015.

Br. Bucherer briefed about the changes happening at Parks and Waterways.

Adjournment at 2030hrs

Next meeting: March 14, 2013, tentatively in Trenton