

Kingston Area Council
January 20, 2011
“Special” Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Kingston PSAC Regional Office and was called to order at 18:45.

Roll Call

Ralf Bucherer – President – UCTE local 00056
Laura Eastcott – Treasurer – UNDE local 00641
Chris Snooks - 1st Vice – UNDE local 00641
Janet Lisk – Secretary – UCTE local 00056
Richard McNeill – USGE local 00016
Cindy Lavalee – UVAE local 70012
Jeff Welsh – DCL 901
MaryAnne Laurico – DCL local 901
Ed Jones – DCL
Lorraine Diaper – Staff

Absent – Randy Skeggs 2nd Vice
Regrets – John Singleton, Phil Trottier

Staff Regrets – Linda Cross

Corrections/Omissions to the December 16, 2010 Meeting

Richard McNeill volunteered to compose the letter about the Area Council to send out to locals from the area. Ralf Bucherer will assist him. Br. Richard will also attain the addresses of all the local **USGE** presidents in our area.

Regarding the line “*We are urged to contact Mr. Flaherty to explain just how important an increase to CPP is.*” in the previous minutes, br. McNeill wanted clarification as to if council supports this and voiced his concerns on CPP increases versus the current practises and stated that with the government constantly changing the “rules” he would feel more at ease being in control of his contributions. Br. Bucherer clarified that the minutes only read “urged to support” and at this point we are just dealing with the minutes and that we could raise this question at a later point.

Br. Richard McNeill asked if Br. Bucherer wanted members to call if they are or are not attending the meeting. A R.S.V.P. to area council meeting call outs would be appreciated and would help to more efficiently plan for the hospitality event preceding meetings; members should e-mail Ralf a couple of days ahead if they are planning to attend the meeting.

Sr. MaryAnne Laurico pointed out that in the last meeting minutes Media Day should read Union Day. The date for Union Day has changed from February to the first or second week of March.

Adoption of Minutes from December 16, 2010

m/s/c Chris Snooks/Richard McNeill

Adoption of Agenda

m/s/c Chris Snooks/Ed Jones

At the last meeting notice to: **Motion to Amend the Kingston Area Council by-Laws** was passed

Motion

Any officer elected to the executive of the Kingston Area Council missing more than 50% of the yearly meetings of the Kingston Area Council, shall be considered having his/her position vacated. Such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with By-Law 5 Section 2.

During the ensuing discussion it was decided to change miss 50% of yearly meetings to 2 consecutive meetings without notification. After much more discussion br. Snooks decided to withdraw the motion. It was decided pass it on to the new By-Laws Committee, consisting of Laura Eastcott and Richard McNeill and br. Bucherer as ex officio, with direction to explore if something like this could be included under “ duties and expectations of the executive members”.

In the meantime br. Bucherer is to contact the member of the executive that has missed the last 4 consecutive meetings without notifying council and ask if he is still interested in attending or vacating the position on council's executive.

Sr. Laurico asked if this is a big issue and was informed that in the past we had members of the executive “go missing”.

Draft of amended By-Laws will be ready by the meeting in April.

Selection of Delegate to the Triennial Regional Convention

A motion was put forward that Janet Lisk be elected to go to the convention.

m/s/c Chris Snooks/Laura Eastcott

Union Day at Queens

The action will be held sometime around the first week of March and will be including the Kingston and District Labour Council, Unity Council, Women's Council and the Kingston Area Council and more locals from the area.

When attending this action, the council will need swag and a rep for the day to promote the Area Council. MaryAnne volunteered to create the council a logo we could use on a brochure /card to explain what and who the Area Council is. We have approximately 20 t-shirts that could be given away at this event. We also, would like to approach br. Halabecki, REVP Ontario, for assistance or per diem for people staffing the tables.

We will be asking for volunteers to attend Union Day at Queens at the next meeting in February.

New Business

Day of Action in Hamilton he Peaople vs. U.S. Steel ;USW Local 1005

KDLC has busses leaving Kingston for Hamilton at 8:30 a.m. On January 29th at the PSAC Regional Office, stopping at Belleville and Cobourg and returning after the action. The phone number to call for transportation is 613-542-5834.

The barbeque to be held at Kingston Mills Lock. When should it be held? May 1st is the International Day of Labour but May day events are already on the calendar in Kingston; date to be discussed at a later date.

Br. Bucherer would like the Area Council to consider buying a portable tent/garage that could be used for barbeques and Area Council events. Members of the council will price such tents/garages and will discuss at the next meeting in February. (price lists and literature).

Br. Snooks informed council that inmates from the Pittsburg facility will be brought onto the base to do grass cutting, yard work etc. , this is part of inmate rehabilitation, somewhat similiar to what was done at the now closed prison farms.

Local 00641 not only feels that this is an new form of contracting out, but is also concerned about this scenario because of the schools in the area.

A meeting of the Peoples Assembly group is being held, as we speak, at Regiopolis School. Unions, activists and civilians are concerned with happenings in Kingston and area. This is their second meeting. Everyone welcome.

Meeting Adjourned 20:15

Next meeting is February 18th . Location to be announced.