

**Kingston Area Council Meeting
Minutes
August 08, 2012
Kingston Regional Office**

Meeting called to order 6:45.

Roll Call

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE 00056
Richard McNeill	1 st Vice	USGE 00016
Janet Lisk	Secretary	UCTE 00056
Peggy Jones		DCL 818
Ed Jones		DCL 818
Paul Chaves		DCL 818
Laura Eastcott	Treasurer	UNDE 641

Regrets

John Singleton, Phil Trottier, Christo Aivalis

Adoption of Minutes from June 13th

m/s/c Richard McNeill/Ed Jones

Town Hall Meetings

CUPE and Ontario Council of Hospital Unions are working on holding a series of Town Hall Meetings across Ontario and are mobilizing a fight back campaign against cuts to Social Assistance and Disability Support Programmes. They are looking for help from PSAC activists. Anyone interested in helping can contact Linda for the name and number to call.

September 15th Event

The Kingston Area Council commits to help PSAC and other activists co-ordinate events for this day. On the record, the KAC would like to recommend that an event could be held in the western part of the area. (ie Trenton or Peterborough etc)

Buskers Expenses

\$141.00 from Area Council funds
\$700.00 for the Site, \$519.00 for the tents from USGE funds
Ralf's expenses picked up from PSAC funds

Kingston Blues Festival

\$1000.00 for the site rental is paid for from funds from PSAC Toronto.

We are renting a suite from the Mariot for \$303.00 a night. This includes 2 bedrooms and a living room/kitchen. John Singleton will be spending a night or two. Janet and Ralf will be spending 3 nights.

Paul Chaves volunteered for Friday, after 4:00 and Saturday and Sunday

Adam Jackson's wife volunteered for a few hours each day.

Ralf and Janet will be there each day.

Richard McNeill will try to get more volunteers for the day.

Richard McNeill will pick up the 4 tables and 6 chairs from the KDL council.

We have frisbees, first aid kits, may have balloons and Louise La Porte is looking into getting the tattoo's for children.

We will have posters made for two sandwich boards explaining and pointing the way to signing the petitions.

Labour Day

PSAC Toronto gave the area council \$800.00 for Labour Day plus 60 Tee Shirts.

The District Labour Council asked for food donations for the day. KAC will donate \$125.00.

The KWAC donated \$250.00 toward a band and the KAC will donate \$50.00 extra for the band who is charging \$300.00 for the afternoon.

Linda Cross will be checking with Queens to find a Pipe band for the Labour Day march. If not the entire band, a piper and two drummers.

Having a barbeque or hiring a caterer for this event was tossed around as an idea but it was suggested that a 'Bake Off' be held with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes amounting to \$100.00 in total. Janet will check with Darlene Medhurst to see if this is feasible. Maybe Daniel Beals or Mary Rita Holland the Mayor of Kingston could be asked to be the judge for the 'Bake Off'.

By-Elections

There are two Provincial elections and one Federal election in September. A motion was put on the floor by Richard McNeill that the area council support the NDP in the By-elections or the campaign leading up to the elections. This is a strategically important vote that could show the present government to “back off”. Richard McNeill will contact the NDP Association to inquire how we can help.

m/s/c Richard McNeill/Laura Eastcott

Meeting Adjourned 20:15