

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting
held on October 30, 2012
Kingston Regional Office
Kingston, Ontario**

Roll Call at 18:40

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE 00056
Janet Lisk	Secretary	UCTE 00056
Richard McNeill	1 st Vice	USGE 00016
Ed Jones		DCL 818
Peggy Jones		DCL 818
Sheri Robinson		USGE 00016
Rej Bruneau		UNDE 641
Linda Cross	PSAC Rep	

Regrets:

Christo Aivalis, Andrea Holmes, Michelle Poirier; Laura Eastcott will be late this evening.

Adoption of Minutes from October 03, 2012

m/s/c Richard McNeill/Ed Jones

Events

It was suggested by Br. Bucherer that the council return to 'set' meeting dates. The dates will be the second Thursday of **every** month until June 2013, alternating between Kingston and Trenton. The meeting in Trenton will be the second Thursday of February. The reason for the 'set' meeting dates is that the Yukon Lodge in Trenton can be booked well ahead of time.

For upcoming events such as Loyal Blues Fest held in Frankford, Brighton Applefest and the Belleville Waterfront, the council will attain more information to see if it would be worth while attending these events.

The council will be attending **The Kingston Blues Fest** once again.

The council would like to do a **Food Drive** before Christmas. Br. Richard McNeill will be contacting the Kingston Food Bank to find out how we can help. He will be contacting the executive within a week with info. Instead of putting efforts towards participating in the Santa Claus Parade, the council decided to help with a Food Drive. The Area Council will start advertising where the food drive will be held.

Elections

Elections will be held on December 13th in the Kingston RO. Sharon DeSousa will be attending. The nomination committee will be Linda Cross and Sheri Robinson. The positions of 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are up for re-election.

Discussions

Br. McNeill met with Amy at Kingston Coalition Against Poverty and returned the signed petitions the Area Council collected during the Blues Fest.

Br. McNeill also handed a Petition to Protect Retirement Security to members of the council to be returned next meeting.

Br. Bucherer suggested that the council needs volunteers to attend the Kingston District Labour Council meetings. Not only to attend these meetings but to keep the Area Council informed on what is going on.

Sr. Robinson volunteered to help refresh the Kingston Area Council's web site with up to date information.

Sr. Cross passed around an article about Public Service Pensions Putting Economy at a Risk which quoted Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses. Sr. Cross thought this article needed to be addressed, therefore the council suggested that a letter be composed stating how important the public service workers are but do not respond to the article.

Br. McNeill stated that a new hospital will be built in Kingston on the site of the old Lake Ontario Park built by a P3 (Public/Private/Partnership). P3's are anti union; contractors do not hire union workers which leads to shoddy work and more WSIB claimants etc. Br. McNeill suggested "Do Not Support P3 Projects" and the Council join forces with OPSEU, CUPE and the building trades.

There are extra receipts from the Blues Fest for hospitality totalling approx. \$300.00, plus two receipts from the last two meetings that will be left with Sr. Cross to give to Sr. Eastcott. We miss Sr. Eastcott not attending meetings. The council need updates on our finances so we can plan events in advance.

Mario LeClerc will be leaving the Public Service to go into politics for the NDP party in Montreal. All the best to Mario on his future endeavours.

A reminder to invite Br. John Singleton and Mario LeClerc to the next meeting. Br. Singleton will be presented a plaque from PSAC.

Adjournment 8:30