

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting  
held on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Kingston Regional Office  
Kingston Ontario**

**Roll Call at 18:50**

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Richard McNeill	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	USGE Local 00016
Christo Aivalis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	DCL 901
Laura Eastcott	Treasurer	UNDE Local 641
Janet Lisk	Secretary	UCTE Local 00056
Sheri Robinson		USGE Local 00016
Sherry Turcotte		UNDE Local 641
Martin J. Smaglinski		UNDE Local 641
Rej Bruneau		UNDE Local 641
Michelle Poirier		UVAE Local 00013
Joshua Sadler		UNDE Local 641
Tara Assesltine		UNDE Local 641
Ed Jones		DCL 818
Peggy Jones		DCL 818
Linda Cross		PSAC Rep
Maryanne Laurico		PSAC Rep

**Special Guest:** Sharon DeSousa REVP PSAC Ontario

Sister Sheri Robinson read the PSAC statement on harassment. Sister Cross agreed to be our harassment co-ordinator.

**Adoption of Minutes from October 30, 2012 Meeting**

Br. Aivalis put forth the motion that the line be stricken from the minutes and a line 'The council will request an update on the finances' be put in place at the end of that paragraph. The first line of the same paragraph will be corrected to omit 'receipts from the Blues Fest for hospitality totalling approx. \$300.

m/s/c Christo Aivalis/Ed Jones

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**2013 Events for K-AC**

-It was discussed that the council forgo the Buskers in Kingston for 2013 and find a venue in Trenton or Belleville.

-The Kingston Blues Fest and Labour Day celebrations will be attended by Kingston Area Council once again. It was suggested that we have a representative from the council attend the Kingston Labour Council so we can co-ordinate our efforts toward Labour Day.

-Food Drive: Sister Sharon DeSousa presented Sandy Singers, Director of the Food Bank Kingston, a cheque on behalf of the PSAC Ontario Council and Brother Richard McNeill presented Sandy Singers a cash donation that was collected from various locals in Kingston.

A motion was put forward for the Area Council to make the "Food Bank" a standard item on our agenda in 2013.

m/s/c            Rej Bruneau/Richard McNeill

-It is felt that the Frankford Blues Fest is too small a venue for the Area Council to attend for any length of time. It will be discussed at January's meeting about attending for one day.

### **Financial Report**

Sr. Eastcott (treasurer) presented the council an up to date financial statement.

This is not a final report for 2012. The financial report for 2012 will be presented at the meeting in January 2013.

### **New Business**

Br. Christo Aivalis is the Representative of the Young Workers on PSAC Ontario Council and a new committee can be formed in Kingston for Young Workers. Br. Joshua Sadler from UNDE Local 641 has a keen interest in helping with the formation of this committee. Workers aged 30 and under are encouraged to attend.

It was discussed that brothers and sisters who attend meetings, that their PSAC #'s and their first names be used when recording the minutes of these meetings because of the fear of employer retaliation.

Br. McNeill brought to the table about the P3 Project proposed to be built on the old Lake Ontario Park site. There will be a vote conducted for or against this P3 Project. Financial donations and volunteers to man the voting stations are needed. Sr. DeSousa will announce this information to the membership so they can get involved. More information will be given at the meeting in January. Once Br. Bucherer attains the information he will send it to Sr. DeSousa.

### **Address by Sharon DeSousa REVP PSAC Ontario**

We are in this fight together. We have to stand together in solidarity. Sr. DeSousa suggests that the council has a strategy session and plan out the events for the coming year. Where, when, what we need to get the event accomplished. There will be more National Days of Action in the coming year that we will be taking part in. She suggests that we host an education event such as an organizing drive etc. Find out what members really want to talk about right now. It may be financial planning or political action etc.

Sr. Cross would like to have a flyer made up to hand out to stores that display the WFIB sticker on their windows. Sr. DeSousa mentioned that Sr. Cross send her statement and rational to Lino at the Toronto office so he might change the wording on the cards that are already in place against the WFIB.

### **Award Presentation**

Sr. Sharon DeSousa presented br. John Singleton with a plaque in appreciation for Johns' 34 years of activism. A '\$50.00 gas card' was also presented to br. John by br. Bucherer on behalf of the K-AC.

### **Elections**

**The nomination committee are Linda Cross and Sheri Robinson.**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Br. Rej Bruneaus' was nominated from the floor by br. Sadler seconded by br. Smaglinskie  
He will let his name stand.

Br. Richard McNeill was nominated from the floor by sr. Eastcott seconded by sr. Asseltine.  
He declined the nomination.

**Br. Rej Bruneau acclaimed 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

#### **Secretary**

Sr. Sheri Robinson name was presented to the Nomination Committee.  
She will let her name stand.

**Sr. Sheri Robinson acclaimed as Secretary**

#### **Treasurer**

Sr. Peggy Jones' name was presented to the Nomination Committee  
She will let her name stand.

Sr. Sherri Turcotte was nominated from the floor by sr. Eastcott seconded by br. Sadler  
She will let her name stand.

**Sr. Peggy Jones was elected Treasurer.**

A motion to destroy the ballets was put forward.  
m/s/c Rej Bruneau/Richard McNeill

The members that were acclaimed or elected to office were sworn in by Sr. DeSousa.

Congratulations to those members!

Meetings will be held the second Thursday of every month. The meeting will be held in Trenton in February and there will be car pooling. Contact the Kingston Office if you need a ride and we will coordinate one for you.

The next meeting will be January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Kingston.

Meeting adjourned at 21:21