

April 8, 2015 – Local 432 OPSEU Minutes

General Membership Meeting 920 Princess Street OPSEU Resource Room

Attendance: Bonnie Sweet; Shirley Tyrrell; Erin Kemp; Ken Hill; Susan McCoy; Cathy Trant; Maryvonne Tonge, Karen Warne, Susan Burkert, Jennifer Rea

1. Call to Order – Bonnie Sweet 5:30 pm
2. Statement of Respect – via video on computer
3. Introductions made
4. Agenda: reviewed Motion to adopt agenda Shirley Tyrrell seconded by Cathy Trant
5. Review of March 11, 2015 meeting minutes
6. Treasurer's report. As of February 28, 2015 we have \$5,308.97 in the main account, Acct #6 we have \$10,763.78, Acct #7 (bursary) \$600.00, Acct #19 \$44.44, Acct #10 (Equity Shares) \$261.62 TOTAL \$16,978.81. of note: every time we write a cheque for strike headquarters we need to get Martin's approval
7. Correspondence: Lots of correspondence to review
  - (a) EBM candidates have asked for money. So far there are three candidates: Gareth Jones, Barb DeRoche and Patty Markland. We agreed as per last meeting to give \$50 maximum per candidate for up to 6 candidates.
  - (b) Treasurer's course will be held in Ottawa this coming weekend. The course is full and our upcoming treasurer Krista Willis is registered for this course.
  - (c) Kingston Food Bank Drive early May. We would like all ministry office's to gather food bank items and possibly store them at our new strike headquarters. Then possibly May 1<sup>st</sup> distribute the items to the Food Bank ensuring OPSEU gets credit for it.
  - (d) Kingston District labour Council has a board member vacancy. Peter Boyle retired. Any interested parties please contact Barb DeRoche [barb88@sympatico.ca](mailto:barb88@sympatico.ca) or John Holmes [holmesj@queensu.ca](mailto:holmesj@queensu.ca)
  - (e) BPS convention is from June 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Toronto.
  - (f) Bonnie Sweet asked everyone for their opinions on how she should vote at the regional meeting for EBMs.

END OF CORRESPONDENCE

#### 8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Committee reports are deferred

9. Bargaining update and strike prep

Michelle McMurray (ODSP) has the keys to the doors of the strike headquarters. Please donate coffee makers, chairs microwaves etc for the building so that we don't have to buy them. Essential services are still being negotiated. People need to prepare for the possibility of a strike. We need to keep up the pressure. The Supreme Court decision from Saskatchewan has little effect on us. Continue to picket at MPP offices, focus on liberals and ministers. Soon there will be info pickets at Fort Henry and Provincial parks. Not much to update everyone on.

10. Form B's should be completed asap, make copies for Bonnie as well.

11. 3 new groups have asked for money to subsidize T-shirts. The group voted No as we all voted no last month as well

12. Attendance support Management Plan rolled out April 1<sup>st</sup>. Lots of misinformation and confusion. Bonnie would like to see more education and training. Corrections has been bound by this program for a few years.

On April 29, 30 and May 1<sup>st</sup> in Belleville there is a mayoral convention. Kathleen Wynne will be a keynote speaker. We want a lot of people to travel to Belleville the day she speaks to hold a picket. We can use the local time off fund.

Motion to Adjourn by Karen Warne. Seconded by Ken Hill.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next meeting May 13, 2015 5:15 to 7:00 pm. 920 Princess Street