

December 10, 2014 – Local 432 OPSEU Minutes

General Membership Meeting 920 Princess Street OPSEU Resource Room

Attendance: Art Veryard; Rhonda McCall; Shirley Tyrrell; Erin Kemp; Bonnie Sweet; Ken Hill; Helen Phillips; Karen Warne; Dave Bell; Sue Burkert; Susan McCoy; Sherry Corbay; Jessica Christie; Cathy Trant; Val Beach; Lorelee Idler; Emily Attwood; Michelle McMurray; Sue Corcoran; Antoine Beyret; Cindy Peters; Amanda Deszpoth and mobilizers Gareth Jones and Daryl O'Grady

1. Call to Order – Bonnie Sweet 5:30 pm
2. Statement of Respect – Read aloud by Ken Hill
3. Agenda: reviewed and guest speakers introduced
4. Previous minutes reviewed. Will be posted soon. Motion to accept minutes Art Veryard seconded by Ken Hill. Minutes were accepted / adopted. The only action item that arose out of November's meeting was that a cheque was written to Renfrew local to help workers.
5. Treasurer's Report: Roughly \$25,000 in local. Several TARS issues (trustee's auditors report). They have been resolved and cheques should be forwarded soon.
6. Correspondence: Some correspondence to review
 - a) Letter from Corrections asking folks in acting management assignments to return back to their home positions.
 - b) Wear Blue December 11th
 - c) December 12, 2014 information picket from 11:45 to 12:45 at Sophie Kiwala's office (Liberal MPP Kingston) She cancelled a meeting the Friday before our LEC and Liberals are not willing to speak with OPSEU. Daryl O'Grady spoke about the importance of information pickets and letting MPP's know that we are here and out and about. There is a scripted message you can leave on their voice-mail.
 - d) Happy news: December 13th at Toys R Us Local 462 Toy Drive "The Tree of Hope" LAFCS (Lennox and Addington Family and Children Services) and paramedics will attempt to fill an ambulance with toys
 - e) Regional Hardship funding: surge of incoming requests due to hardships and service cuts. Looking for a donation so that members can access immediate funds. They are looking for a resolution to increase the amount. Discussion. This fund is used for folks going through arbitration who need access to funds while awaiting a decision or outcome. Further discussion and Art Veryard made a motion to defer the motion. This was seconded by Michelle McMurray. Passed

END OF CORRESPONDENCE

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

No updates on committee reports. Deferred to January 2015.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mobilizer's Daryl O'Grady and Gareth Jones gave us a mobilizer update. Very strong mandate given by members through vote. Went back to employer Monday. Clarified actions we can take. Don't work to rule, don't do job actions. Lengthy talk about process, where we are at, the negotiating team, strategies, and they answered a lot of questions.

There will be a lot of correspondence distributed between now and February / March. Please read it and share it

Other business

Michelle McMurray from ODSP discussed the SAMS campaign and the fitches and problems they as frontline employees are having. There is an ODSP campaign for SAMS which is being developed. Lengthy discussion looking for support as ODSP workers are being blamed for the computer system errors

Motion to Adjourn by Dave Bell. Seconded by Rhonda McCall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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