

Local 70125

external affairs



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1980
7:30 p.m.
53 QUEEN STREET, ROOM 14

ASSEMBLEE

MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER ✓
2. ROLL CALL ✓
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA ✓
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - October 20, 1980 ✓
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES ✓
6. CORRESPONDENCE ✓
7. REPORTS: a) Executive ✓
b) Standing Committees ✓
c) Group Representatives ✓
8. ELECTION: Second Vice-President
9. NEW BUSINESS
Nominating Committee Chairman for forthcoming
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10. Adjournment

BIENVENUE A TOUS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PSAC LOCAL 70125 (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)
HELD AT 53 QUEEN STREET, ROOM 14
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1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Gary Curtis, President
Peggy Coupland, Secretary
André Laporte, Treasurer
Lynn Smith, CR Delegate
Leslie Logan, CR Delegate
Don Larkin, National Director, Countries Outside Canada
Gilles Poirier, Member
GUEST: Richard Taylor,
PSAC Regional Representative
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
M/S/C P. Coupland seconded by G. Poirier that Agenda be accepted as presented.
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - October 20, 1980
page 2 (financial position) second last line 'reduced to \$1200...' to read "...reduced by \$1200."
page 5, second para, 3rd line ... September 10 to read "October 10..."
M/S/C D. Larkin seconded by P. Coupland Minutes accepted as amended.
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
Re page 2, FSD Committee Report. Don Larkin pointed out that C. Dann, PSAC Services Officer has not yet scheduled meeting as Chris Dann had been out of town in the last three weeks.

Gary Curtis pointed out that the Executive and the CR group was very grateful to Don Larkin for devoting so much of his time during the CR strike. Not only had he spend many hours at the Strike Headquarters but had also found the time to walk the picket line. Thanks were extended to Don on behalf of the Executive and the CR Group.
6. CORRESPONDENCE (See Annex "A")

No. 8 re: 1981 Triennial National Convention, August 4-7. Copies were passed to the Executive and under 'New Business' I propose a Committee be formed.

Don Larkin pointed out that a Seminar re: Convention 1981 was given by the PSAC Regional Office and should members show enough interest, a second one could be sponsored. The first seminar was very well attended.
7. REPORTS:
PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Presented by Gary Curtis

On October 29th I met with Al Couture (CM) Re the postponement of the EAJC that was scheduled for November 18. The purpose for the postponement was that the CMs are having their executive election on November 20th and felt that the new executive should be involved with the EAJC. I gave our approval (Local 70125) and so did the other associations. The EAJC will now be on December 10, 1980.

November 4, I attended the first CR meeting which was poorly attended and re-scheduled for November 12th. The November 12 meeting was very well attended and Dave Delaney will report on the results.

This has been a very busy year for our Local and we have seen how the whole procedure of a strike works with first-hand knowledge. Again my thanks to everyone. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M/S/C G. Curtis seconded by A. Laporte that report be accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Because the bank statement for October has not yet been received, André Laporte said the financial statement for this month's meeting could not be prepared.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Presented by Peggy Coupland

Attended a Seminar at the PSAC Building. Many topics were discussed, e.g. grievances, appeals, collective bargaining, to name a few. I was glad to have attended as it has given me some insight as to how our union operates.

Attended Executive meetins as well as the CR meeting. These dealt mainly with the Local's finances.

M/S/C P. Coupland, seconded by A. Laporte that report be accepted as presented.

FSD COMMITTEE

Don Larkin reported that Barry Kemball had turned all his files to him as he will be taking over the Chairmanship. No meeting is scheduled as of this writing but will report should there be any progress.

OTTAWA-HULL AREA COUNCIL REPORT - Presented by D. Larkin

The OHAC meeting of November 12 opened at 7:30 p.m. with the usual round of initial business, adoption of the agenda, minutes of previous meeting, etc. and continued on through the agenda with the usual reports and new business.

A correction to the Minutes was made to include the fact that the Board of Trustees of the Membership Benefit Fund would have the discretionary authority to exceed the \$200. limit in exceptional circumstances.

A report on the sale of the "Sleeping Giant Awakes" buttons would not be available until January 1981.

The President reported that the OHAC had been refused permission to have a letter of thanks to the designated CRs and non-CRs published in the newsletter and Argus Journal. It was reported that rejection was from the acting editor-in-chief.

The President reported as well that contrary to oral guidance, that the EMC of the PSAC would probably allocate an amount of \$600. to cover the cost of a bus to transport PSAC members to Toronto for the O.F.L. demonstration on October 18, 1980 when a request for funds was submitted it was refused by the EMC.

Two resolutions followed from these two reports condemning the lack of supportive action by the parties in question.

A public apology was made to Brother Paul Ruffo for not having approached him to see if he would be interested in having his band play for the 'wrap-up' CR rally after the strike. Paul Ruffo had provided entertainment free at the rally held during the strike.

A plea was made for all members and/or Locals to become supporters of the arts. It was suggested that members or Locals should support the Great Canadian Theatre Company as they had been very supportive to us during the CR strike. It will be recalled that the skits and songs performed at the two CR rallies were original material by this Company. The Company is listed in the telephone book and the address is P.O. Box 4223, Station E, Ottawa K1S 5B2.

An amount of \$200. was voted to cover the cost of the annual OHAC Christmas social to be held the evening of December 10, 1980. All members are invited.

A film entitled "Wives' Tale" is to be shown the evening of November 21/80 at 395 Wellington St. The event is being sponsored by the OFL and concerns the problems of wives during the INCO strike. It is hoped that two the wives will be brought in for the event and it is hoped that support will be good enough to at least pay the expenses to bring the wives to Ottawa from Sudbury. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$3.00. Proceeds to cover expenses and to the INCO union welfare fund.

The point on the agenda was then reached where an open discussion regarding the recent CR strike action. The President suggested that the discussion should follow a logical progression and suggested that it would break down into three categories (1) bargaining demands; (2) bargaining and (3) CR strike.

As the hour was late only the first of these three items was touched upon. Some of the points raised by various speakers were

- a) not enough regional representation - it is sometimes felt that Ottawa takes over both PSAC staff (and) Committee and team representatives of the group;
- b) too many unimportant demands are brought to the bargaining table;
- c) Components, in general, have too great a tendency to stand with the demands from their component regardless of their relative worth;
- d) Bargaining committees and/or teams should have and accept the responsibility for disregarding trivial demands.

Some sort of consensus was reached that it is necessary to speed up negotiations. One way to do this would be to limit the number of demands brought to the table.

At this point the hour of adjournment was reached with many things left unsaid. I moved a motion that a special meeting of the OHAC be held prior to the end of the first week of December and that there be only one (1) agenda item.

M/S/C D. Larkin seconded by A. Laporte that report be accepted as presented.

Don Larkin then reported that there will be a special meeting with one (1) item - THE CR STRIKE. Publicity should be given to all CRs and encouraged to attend.

MOTION: by Don Larkin

That Local 70125 (External Affairs) become a supporter of the Great Canadian Theatre Company, at the minimum cost of \$12.00 and not more than \$25.00 be donated at the discretion of the Local Executive.

M/S/C D. Larkin, seconded by G. Curtis. Carried.

8. ELECTION - Second Vice President

Gilles Poirier nominated by Gary Curtis, seconded by Don Larkin.

No other nomination - elected by acclamation.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Gary Curtis pointed out that a letter had been received from the National Component re: 1981 Triennial National Convention in Calgary - August 4-7. In this letter the National Component suggests that the Local form a Convention Resolutions Committee. That this Committee go out to the members and get suggestions, compiled them for submission to the National Component.

Don Larkin suggested that this item be deferred as last item before adjournment. Seconded by G. Poirier. Carried.

- b) Nominating Committee Chairman for forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Gary Curtis suggested that members e.g. Charles Landon, Françoise Maher, be approached to form a nominating Committee. After some discussion this suggestion was agreed by those members present.

MOTION: By Gary Curtis

That a Nominating Committee Chairman be elected for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Seconded by Gilles Poirier. Agreed.

As no members attending the meeting came forward, Gary Curtis said he would approach Françoise Maher and Charles Landon.

- c) MOTION: By André Laporte

That a Budget Committee for 1981 budget be elected.

Seconded by D. Larkin, Carried.

André Laporte said that this Committee should include the Treasurer, a member of the Executive and a member from each occupational group would be ideal. André Laporte reported that he will be sending out "input forms" to each member of the present Executive, Standing Committee Representative and Group Representatives for their suggestions in preparing the 1981 budget.

- d) NOTICE OF MOTION:

Notice is hereby given that it is proposed at a Special General Meeting to be held on December 16, 1980, to increase Local's share of dues from \$1.10 to \$2.00 per month.

M/S André Laporte seconded by Gilles Poirier. Carried.

e) MOTION: By Gary Curtis

That the Local form a Convention Resolutions Committee for the 1981 Triennial National Component Convention in Calgary - August 4 - 7, 1981.

Don Larkin moved that this item be put on the agenda of the Special Meeting scheduled for December 16, 1980. D. Larkin's motion was defeated.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

G. Curtis seconded by G. Poirier that meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Presidents Report

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GARY CURTIS