

Local 70125

external affairs



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1993

ASSEMBLER MENSUELLE
LUNDI, LE 18 OCTOBRE 1993

7:30 P.M.
246 QUEEN STREET
ROOM 202

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CHAMBRE 202

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 1. OUVERTURE DE LA RÉUNION |
| 2. ROLL CALL | 2. APPEL NOMINAL DES DIRIGEONTS |
| 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA | 3. PROPOSÉ ORDRE DU JOUR. |
| 4. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1993
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING | 4. COMPTE-RENDU DU 28 SEPTEMBRE,
1993 - ASSEMBLÉE MENSUELLE |
| 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES | 5. DÉBAT DU COMPTE-RENDU |
| 6. CORRESPONDENCE | 6. CORRESPONDANCE |
| 7. REPORTS
Executive
Committees | 7. RAPPORTS
Executif
Comités |
| 8. NEW BUSINESS | 8. AFFAIRES NOUVELLES |
| 9. ADJOURNMENT | 9. FERMETURE |

MEETING

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PSAC LOCAL 70125 - External Affairs
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
October 18, 1993

1. The President, Eunice Dube called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Eunice Dube - President
Jacques Quinn - First Vice-President
Corie Pyl - Second Vice-President
Peggy Coupland - Third Vice-President
Anna Sipos - Secretary
Gary Doherty - Vice-President Outside Canada
Heather Brooker
Dave Delaney

ABSENT: Les Cundell - Treasurer
Bill Gloss - National Director Outside Canada
Jim Davidson
3. It was moved to amend the agenda under New Business as follows:
 8. (a) card
 - (b) EO rep
 - (c) PSAC letter
 - (d) OFL Convention
 - (e) Convention delegates
 - (f) insurance
 - (g) Labour College
 - (h) short announcements
 - (i) babysitting
 - (ii) stewards
 - (j) election of observers

To amend agenda: M/S/C Dube/Doherty
To adopt agenda: M/S/C Doherty/Quinn

4. The Minutes were accepted. M/S/C Quinn/Pyl
5. Business arising from Minutes: Guest lists for the Christmas party should be brought to the November meeting.
6. Correspondence
7. Reports:

President's report was passed out and read. Points were made regarding up-coming federal election, an injury to a member of staff as a result of highly polished floors and the removal of the runners, Casino night - not all tickets were used and contributions towards reducing the amount owing by the Local would be welcomed.
M/S/C Dubé/Coupland

First Vice-President: Just returned from a weekend officers training course for beginners. He found it very interesting, very enlightening and would highly recommend it to others. The course provided basic information on the union and was instructed by Cathy Johnson. It was held at the PSAC building on Gilmour Street.
M/S/C Quinn/Doherty

Second Vice-President: Met with the DG of MRD regarding an all-mission tel endorsed by MCB outlining new SOA status of MRD and its implications. M/S/C Pyl/Brooker

Third Vice-President: Feels that the slippery floors situation in President's report needs to be addressed. M/S/C Copeland/Quinn

Treasurer: No financial statement but treasurer faxed to President that there is approximately \$32,000 in the local's regular account and \$24,000 in the solidarity account.

Health and Safety Committee: Confirmed his attendance at three day (Fri, Sat & Sun) conference on multiple chemical sensitivity which will take place in Hull. Health and Safety Committee in Pearson building not going well. Meeting is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 20 in D-3-500 if anyone is interested in attending. Place Vanier committee has not met for 4 months. He plans to get involved and hold a meeting there including Signet people. Lead crystal issue was discussed. MRM has been asked to investigate with Health and Welfare and a new report from MRD to everyone will go out, probably in the PAN.

Delaney commented that working conditions for workers doing roof repairs are not safe and that there have been accidents. Can questions be addressed to management? Corie Pyl agreed to address this concern at next meeting.

Education/Publicity - Laura Burgess provided executive with draft newsletter, pictures and a diskette for first Local newsletter.

Delaney would like Local 70125 fax number to be listed in yellow departmental directory. It was also suggested that fax number should be on 70125 letterhead.

8. New Business:

a) card: Local sent a letter to Shirley Denning, National Component, on her retirement and she replied with a thank you card.

b) EO rep. Laura Burgess' name has been submitted to the Component, nominated by Doherty and seconded by Cundell, as the deadline was October 12th.

c) Eunice read Daryl Bean's letter to her written as a result of her letter to him regarding voting choices in the upcoming federal election. (referred to in President's report)

d) OFL convention 22-26 November in Toronto. Corie Pyl expressed interest in attending. Deadline for registration is November 7th. There is a spot for three delegates. **Motion: that \$2100.00 be set aside for Corie Pyl's attendance to Ontario Federation of Labour conference in November. M/S Brooker/Quinn.**

Doherty will also be attending in one of the spots but not at Local's expense. Doug Chalk, National President will also be going as a Local delegate status but not at our expense.

e) Doug chalk wrote letter to us asking for our comments on PSAC convention format. We discussed whether we should do a letter in response. Changes made by last executive were:

i) convention is now 5 days instead of 4

ii) part of extra day was used for EO session and part for an all candidates meeting. Previously both sessions were held as evening sessions and were strictly voluntary.

Brooker commented that the collective bargaining group "didn't even hit the floor". Delaney pointed out that past Presidents and Life Members were not notified or invited. It was generally felt that there was less done in more time. Doherty felt that Local should write back saying maybe it was a good idea to try it but it didn't work and we should revert back. Agreed to write a letter to the President, National Component re format saying Local 70125 did not find this useful.

f) Insurance: Local's assets \$19,000 covered in an insurance policy with Binks Insurance for \$325.00 per year. Suggested that Garnett Insurance be asked for an estimate - Les will be asked to get this quote.

g) Labour College of Canada wants money - **Motion: that \$100.00 be sent to Labour College of Canada. M/S Doherty/Delaney**

h) Short Announcements:

Ontario Workers Compensation Board, 2nd Bi-Annual Information Conference is Dec.2-8.

National Medicare Day - October 14th

i) Babysitting - Family Related Expenses - reimbursement requested by Heather Brooker - two receipts, 1 for \$15.00 and the other for \$16.00. Actual costs incurred in order to attend Sept. and Oct. 70125 monthly meetings.

ii) Stewards discussion re: rotational competitions, CR promotional tests, phone call from Kuala Lumpur on how to appeal, 4 grievances on the go - 2 to second level. Delaney feels that letter should go from Local that when there is a legitimate appeal by members and the appeal is upheld that members names should not be published in telexes.

j) Election of observers to PSAC convention in Montreal, April, 1994. The elections were held in compliance with Component By-Laws and as a result of the elections Jacques Quinn will be attending as First Observer, Laura Burgess will attend as Second Observer and Dave Delaney will attend as Third Observer. The ballots were then destroyed. In the event that alternates are unable to attend due to illness, do not want to attend or changeover to a new Department, the observers will replace them at Convention.

Meeting was adjourned.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Submitted by E. B. Dubé

Since our September meeting, a great number of people contacted me on a variety of issues, the most popular amongst them being Health and Safety in the building and comments on the upcoming elections.

A good number of Members are upset with statements made by the Public Service Alliance concerning voting patterns. Most that called indicated that they were intelligent enough to make their own choices on election day and did not appreciate what they were hearing on the news or reading in newspapers concerning union strategy. One of our Members entrusted me to see that a letter would be delivered to our President Daryl Bean and asked that it be done under the strictest confidentiality for fear of actions which could be taken. I did ensure that Daryl receive the letter and it was accompanied by a letter from me stating that, although the opinions in the letter were not mine that I was saddened with the fact that any of our Members would be hesitant to express their opinions without fearing the consequences. To date, I have not received a reply.

The meeting that we were scheduled to attend concerning Health and Safety was cancelled by Management and having met with C. Dowler from Staff Relations, I was informed that another meeting was anticipated some time this week and I will be contacted as soon as a date is arrived at. One of our Members telephoned me to say that she had fallen in the building due to the highly polished floors and her absence from work due to injury will be covered by Workmen's compensation as well as her medical expenses. I immediately inquired as to why the runners had been removed and the answer received was that they hampered the appearance of the building. This matter will be addressed at the meeting but, until this issue is resolved, any accidents to our Members should be reported to Corrie or myself and I would ask all those in attendance tonight to please be careful in the lobby and hallways.

A few of our Members attended the Casino night which benefits the Snowsuit Fund and hopefully, will report on the evening. Our Local purchased a block of ten tickets and due to circumstances not all tickets were utilized. Those who attended will reimburse ten dollars per ticket, I purchased two myself but, could not attend. The balance owing will be repaid to the Local by me. Anyone wishing to make a contribution tonight may do so and the amount will go towards reducing the balance owing the Local.

As Elections Canada will take place before our next monthly meeting, we may or may not have a new Government in place but we should keep communicating amongst ourselves to insure that irregularities are reported and still place emphasis on job security for all. One thing is sure, I will not be advising on who Members should vote for because I sincerely believe your vote is your inherent choice and only you can decide.

E. B. Dubé