

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 25, 2009**

MINUTE OF SILENCE:

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Sorry the previous mins. are not ready they will be available at the April meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDANCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Move adoption of financial report as per handout.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY`S OFFICE/CLUB 200: Dan Cassady

Dave is on a well deserved vacation.

No report for Club 200.

Final Retirement figures for Mar. 01/09 are as follows 144 Production and 74 Trades for a total of 218. 137 members took STEP.

We have received some complaints from some of Senior Members that they are being somewhat harassed about not retiring we need to be respectful of those who chose not to retire. No one knows what circumstances they may or may not have, they have every right to continue to work and we must be respectful to those that chose to stay on.

Congratulations to Local 200 and 444 Retirees Chapter on the Jim Stanford and Tony Faria Debate the hall was packed at least 900 people attended. Standford did an amazing job on getting our C.A.W. message out in a very easy and simple way to understand economics.

WDLC has been attending Council Meeting throughout the County and presenting the Buy Canadian Policy to their councils Windsor is still looking at it, Tecumseh ahs passed it as well as County Council. Phone your MP or MPP and push them on the Buy Canadian Policy.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Pam Strong

We will have tickets available to the membership for a Tiger Baseball game VS LA Angels On Sunday June the 7th the cost is \$35.00 Canadian includes Tunnel Bus passes there and back. You must purchase them by May the 6th. Then you will be notified when they come in by phone approximately 2 weeks before the game. Look for the posting next week all the information is on there.

We have discount tickets to see the Play, Grease at the Fisher Theater if you are interested you need to purchase by May 29th and the show date is Thursday June the 18th 8:00

Again this year I will be organizing 2 Big Bikes for Heart and stroke.

We are asking for your help in any way you can. If you can collect pledges and ride the bike that's a bonus if you would like to collect pledges and be a spectator we need you too every little bit helps and I would appreciate any help you can give. The Date is Friday June the 5th 4:00.

Please see me if you are interested. Thank you very much.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Auggie Menna

The following were elected at our last Education Committee Meeting.

Acclaimed as recording Secretary – Willie Krahn

Elected as Vice Chairperson – Mike Kemp

Acclaimed as Chairperson – Auggie Menna

As I think you are all aware the 4 week PEL course has changed to once a year and will be spread out over the year.

Also I have noticed that we do not have any Local 200 trainers at Port Elgin, we need to try and correct this.

Sincere Thanks to Tim Stewart for all the work he did on the Education Committee, the Local as well as the Membership throughout the years. We would like to wish him luck in his new chosen path.

Also the Kelly England Bursaries will be posted on the boards soon.

WOMENS COMMITTEE: No Report

RETIREES CHAPTER: No Report

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE: No Report

ELECTION COMMITTEE: No Report

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: No Report

POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No Report

APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE: No Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mike Vince

On Roll 1565 — On Layoff 1015 Production, 183 Trades.

On notice for Layoff or on Layoff – 1432.

Gary Johnson Director of Power train in Essex today very impressed on how things are going. Equipment is arriving steady 3 more trailers came in today. The company is very pleased with what we are doing over there.

Progress with the Chrysler talks is very good. Our Master Committee may go up in the next few days. They have set an internal deadline of midnight tonight.

It is pretty clear that in the US, G.M. and Chrysler in bed together they are saying that the Ford Agreement is not good enough. And that Ford and Chrysler are in bed together over here, they are saying the G.M. Agreement is not good enough if they do not get something better they will pull out of Canada. Told Ford Motor Company that they had no problem setting pattern the last couple of agreements now they do not want to follow pattern. There is a lot to be concerned about in the big picture and globally.

The Retirees Chapter voted 100% in favor of supporting us in bargaining the G.M. Pattern Agreement.

On Friday March 13th we went to Aradco and Aramco and want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting those workers. It got pretty tense with the cops being there and pulling their paddy wagon right up to the picket line and opening the doors never seen that

before they were trying to intimidate all of us. We knew we had to do something pretty quick as far as trying to take the plant. So when the cops left we figured they were re-grouping so we needed to take the plant right then and there, so the decision was made and the employees moved in and took over the plant it was awesome. Without all the support that was there from 200 and 444 things could have gotten very ugly. So thanks again for everyone showing up. Since then the workers have ratified a closure agreement Chrysler put in about \$400,000, but they are owed more and our lawyers are looking at it. There is a Rally today at Queens Park to try and convince the Legislature to put employees 1st in line when there is a bankruptcy.

McQuinty new Budget could create up to 300,000 Jobs, they are contributing 27 billion and the Feds are going to throw in about 5 billion.

C.L.C. has reported another 83,000 jobs lost in Canada in Feb.

Gov't. they must fix E.I. to allow for easier access and more coverage.

In the Budget today they may blend the G.S.T. with the P.S.T. McQuinty says he won't do it if the Feds don't allow for some exemptions for some goods and services.

With the amount of people being put out of work the Gov't is not meeting its target of processing claims in 28 days. It is taking 45 – 50 days.

Windsor has reported that 3,000 people have claimed personal bankruptcy and this year up to a 1/4 of all Canadians could claim bankrupt. This is a terrible mess that we are in.

The SAAR's # was 9.6 million in Jan and down to 9.3 in Feb.

Edmonds is reporting a 10.1 million for year, J.D. Power is saying 10.4 and Ford and G.M. are saying about 10.1 million.

All world automotive producers are hurting United Kingdom sales are down 59% and Russia is down 62%. Really cannot see things turning around this year. The only way we will see any significant turn around is if credit starts to flow in the U.S. again.

Oakville has announced 39 layoffs and that 60 more to come these are our members that are getting laid off. We have talked with the company about getting some of these folks over to the depot to cover summer vacations they usually hire a lot of students for the summer we are waiting for a response.

They are running 2 shifts but only really need 1.5 shifts. Oakville is big concern for us they can make the same vehicles in Chicago and that is where Obama is from.

I want to congratulate all the recent retirees and also recognize Jim Whittle and Gary Shaw who have chosen to leave. Thanks for everything that you have contributed to our Union and our membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE: None

ADJOURNMENT: 4:50 P.M.