

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 30, 2011**

MINUTE OF SILENCE

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Move adoption of previous minutes as per handout at door.

BUSINESS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDANCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Crosswell

Move adoption of Financial report as per handout.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY`S OFFICE/CLUB 200: Dave Crosswell

Just a reminder about Golf Tourn. Need help with sponsors and participants as well as volunteers.

If anyone is talking about retirement please have them call me and I will set up appointment.

Up coming elections we must stop Harper from gaining a majority the man is a liar will not come clean on the jets he wants to buy from U.S. His mindset is to cut corporate taxes attack workers and drive down middle class. If he gets elected what is happening in Wisconsin and Michigan will be happening here.

There will be a Joe Comartin open house here at the hall everyone welcome to attend.

WOMENS COMMITTEE: Dinelle Booker

No Report

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Pam Strong

We have Tiger Tickets available for Sunday May 29th 1:00 game against Boston Red Sox. Good seats Lower Baseline Box seats section 114. Last year we went to a game in May and we had beautiful weather. Hopefully we will have the same this year. Deadline for purchase is April 29th. Cost is \$35.00 includes Tunnel bus there and back.

We also have a game on Friday night July 29th includes fireworks.

RETIREEES CHAPTER: Herb John

No Report

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE: Darlene Costello

The International Day for the Elimination of racial Discrimination will be observed on Mar 21. On that day, in 1960, police opened fired and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville South Africa, against apartheid "pass laws". Most were shot in the back.

Pass Laws in South Africa were designed to segregate and limit severely the movements of non- white population. The Black Population were required to carry these pass books when

outside their compounds or designated areas. Failure to produce it would result in arrest; any white person could ask for it even a child.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Auggie Menna

One day courses for Grievance Handling and also for Workplace Leadership will be held at Local 195 on May 14th. Register at the Hall by April 22nd at the Hall

Five \$750.00 Kelly England bursaries are again being offered by Local 200 to the children of members entering their first year of college or university.

Posting are up on the broad for what is needed for submission and the deadline is May 16th.

ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE: Troy Brian

Chili cook off: We wanted to thank everyone who came out to support the joint standing committee's 2nd Annual Chili cook off. We made \$1,041.00 for help out local charities. We were fortunate to have Dan and Paula Carson's Tilbilly Chili representing our Environment committee in the cook off and we came in a very close 2nd. We congratulated the CAW Local 444 Women's Committee on their winning of the award but also let them know that we plan on working hard at reclaiming the award for our local next year.

We were also very happy that the standing committee's agreed to our suggestion of using reusable cutlery this year rather than plastic throw away spoons. This lessened the amount of waste we created as well as lessening the environmental problems that are a by product of plastics, starting with the creation of the plastic all the way to the waste of it.

On a serious note, our hearts go out to the Japanese people with all they are dealing with in the aftermath of the Earth Quakes and tsunamis they have been subjected to. They will be dealing with the radiation issue due to the failure of their Nuclear reactors for quite some time to come.

On another note, locally, we are seeing a lot of good news in the paper regarding alternative energies such as photo voltaic modules, solar panels, and wind turbine tower companies setting up shop in our area, energies that will have a positive impact on our environment and our local employment levels as well.

And lastly, the seasons are slowly starting to change again, and with the approaching of spring we will have lots of environmentally friendly activities and community service opportunities for you and your family to participate in. We will be partnering with tree plantings, river clean ups, e-waste events with Computers for Kids among many others. If you are interested in any of these activities, sign your name to our Environment Committee e-mail list and we will let you know of the many activities you can get involved with.

POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Darlene Costello

In March over 200 CAW delegates gathered in Ottawa to lobby approx. 100 MP's we spoke about Pensions, Jobs, the Economy and Healthcare. We asked them to increase CPP and the GIS and create good paying jobs as well as develop Phamacare Program. The NDP supported these issues while the Conservatives did not their agenda is corporate Tax Cuts.

It scares me to think what will happen if they get a majority Gov't. We need to make sure that they do not get a majority please exercise your right to vote. Citizens all over the world are fighting for democracy

We have sign up sheets for volunteers to help the UPC Committee do Joe Comartin drops.

APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE: No Report

ELECTION COMMITTEE: No Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Dan Cassidy

Congratulations to everyone who was elected in the plant elections, and for those who did not get re-elected does not mean you lost.

The transition at the Hall will be as follows I will work with Chris from May to July then train with Dave for a couple months.

There was a lot of discussion from our members about why we can not have in plant elections and the simple answer is the cost as well as everything gets wrapped up in one day. The elections are once every 3 yrs. And I do not think asking our members to come out for a couple hrs every 3 years should be that big of an issue. Also the scrutinizers are right there in the room and see that everything is done legitimately.

The issue with TPT's we will be meeting with the company tomorrow to try and resolve some of the issues because the list is growing by the day.

Addendum contract books from 09 Barg. Are at the printer.

Dan talked about the Executive Bonuses that were just paid out \$56.5 million to Mulally and \$42.4 million to Ford Jr. as being unbelievable even analyst are saying it5 sounds very expensive. Ken Lewenza jumped on it immediately and said it was obscene but it took King from the UAW 7-10 days before he responded. Ken had a meeting with Ford all they wanted to talk about was Canada is too expensive and not competitive. UAW contract talks are starting to heat up we need to watch them very closely. The UAW is talking about more 2 Tier jobs and new work so we will have our work cut out for us in 2012.

Federal Elections are coming up and we need to do everything we can to make sure Harper does not get a majority. Conservatives are not worker friendly.

We will be facing many challenges over the next 2 years but as long as we stick together we will get through them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE: None

ADJOURNMENT: 4:50 pm