

## **Membership Meeting February 28, 2007**

### **Moment of Silence**

**Previous Minutes:** P. Freeland  
Previous minutes read and adopted

**Correspondence:** P. Freeland  
Letter read

**Financial Report:** D. Cassidy  
Move to adopt the January financial statement as per the handout that was prepared and available at the door  
Packages have been mailed out on Monday and Tuesday of this week to all laid off members eligible for the STEP program and all our members who are eligible for ERIP. These people should have the packages in the next few days.  
We are updating our By-laws and I will read out the changes.

**Women's Committee:** L. Leonard  
There has been a rampant increase in the amount of date rape cases and drug induced rapes in Windsor and Essex County. CAW Local 200 and 444 Women's Committee invites you to an important Teen/Parent Forum on the subject of Date Rape Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 7pm to 9pm at the Local 200/444 Hall. We encourage parents to attend this forum with their teens. There will be two separate workshops for adults and teens. There will be an expert panel to address all questions and provide tips for protecting yourself and friends. There will also be numerous booths set up by different local agencies from Windsor/Essex county providing information to their services as well. There will be light snacks available and open to the public free of charge

**Recreation Committee:** P. Strong  
We had 30 seats reserved for the Salute to Ray Charles at the Fisher Theater on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Twenty of them were sold. We are looking forward to doing another show at the Fisher possibly this fall.  
We will be getting discount tickets for Lion Safari and Marine Land this summer. Watch the boards for dates and ticket information.  
Also we have picked a Tiger baseball game for Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> against the Chicago White Sox.  
SWORC results  
10 Pin bowling results are in. All the scores can be found by going to the Local 200 website. Click on Recreation Committee then go to SWORC link.  
Congratulations to Dan Aqwa of Local 200. He bowled a perfect 300 game  
CAW Regional Hockey Qualifier results are also in and can be found on the SWORC site. Winner of Masters 35 and over was from Local 200 Team

Schofield. Masters 45 and over winner was decided by shootout Local 1972 Team St. Amour.

Moonlight Bowling was a great success thanks to our very own Bill Patterson and Bruce Chamberlain and the rest of the SWORC committee. A good time was had by all. Among the top 10 winners of Local 200 were Barb Yott, Paula Girardin, Bruce Robinson, Melody Miflin, Becky Seguin and Steve Pukay.

Upcoming SWORC events:

March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Retiree's Euchre tournament
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Texas Hold 'em Qualifier
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing Tournament
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Golf Qualifier

National Upcoming Events

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Volleyball
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Darts
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Hockey
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Crib and Euchre
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Slo Pitch

**Human Rights Committee:** L. Bastien

Want to congratulate N. Manku and J. Vilag to the Executive Board.

Read resolution to support March against troops in Iraq. Please take 2 posters per plant and post.

**Retirees Report:** B. Turner

Our activities committee is going as strong as ever with constant parties, dances and entertainment along with local trips throughout the county.

Our Valentine's Day party drew some 90 to 100 people and the bar, thanks to Brother Elsie Banks, turned out our largest night in sales ever.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner is also being talked about by the activities committee and we will be having Brother Banks behind the bar again for that occasion.

The work for the trip to Ganauque in May is all but completed. We are looking forward to going there. We haven't been to the Thousand Islands before and thanks to you, the membership, for helping out with some financial support. It certainly helps to lower the cost per person. Thanks again. I will report to everyone in my next Ford Facts article on how things went.

Brother Lyle Dotzert is still a great contribution to our chapter and is still very active at our monthly meetings. He is 92 years of age and he attends every meeting.

Lyle was an elected rep. for many years and we are, in the near future, putting on a dinner to thank him for the service that he provided to his many constituents.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. Lyle.

**Education Committee:** T. Stewart

Family Education applications are now available at the Hall. Applications must be submitted prior to March 9, 2007.

CAW National & Council Bursary applications are now available for sons and daughters of CAW members and CAW members who are entering their first year of post-secondary education in a Canadian institution. Twenty-five bursaries valued at \$2,000 each are available. Applications may be picked up at the Hall and must be sent to the Education department and postmarked no later than April 13, 2007.

Information for both is available on the in-plant CAW bulletin boards and on our CAW Local 200 website.

**Environment Committee:** R. McLean

The environment has become a major issue in Canadian society and politics recently thanks to the exposure that major media outlets are providing. I am sure that each and every one of us knows of at least one person who is dealing with cancer. I have a close friend who is a CAW sister from Local 414 who is going through cancer treatments.

There are many out there that would have you believe that the primary cause of cancer is life style choices. This sisters and brothers is B.S. Every week we hear of chemical spills, toxic fires, poisoned water, land and air from our local media outlets. As you are all very aware, there are those in the local media who are not our friends. They are however, friends of big business.

Let me ask you, if we are hearing this much from them how much are they not reporting to us? How many men, women and children have to become ill or die before we stand up and say "No More"?

There is no reason either that we need to trade lives for livelihoods. There are many green technologies that can provide good paying, environmentally sustainable jobs to Canadians.

We will be facing two elections this year. Collectively, we need to challenge every wannabe politician on their party's position on Jobs and the Environment. Finally...

8<sup>th</sup> Annual CAW WREC Cancer Fight Night

Saturday, March 10, 2007

8 pm – 1 am with non-stop music

CAW Local 200/444 Union Hall

\$10/ticket

Cash bar

Pizza available

Please contact your in-plant Environment Rep for ticket information

Computers for Kids Fund Raising Dinner

Thursday, March 15, 2007

6 pm – 1 am Al Fazio and Friends

Rock Bottoms – Sandwich and Mill

\$20/ticket

Cash Bar

¼ chicken, penne, salad and bowl

Please contact Ken Cloutier, Chris Vilag, Kelly St. Pierre, Troy Brian or Rob McLean for tickets.

Launch of Computers for Kids CD project

**UPC: J. Englemann**

The Windsor West NDP Riding Association will be holding their nomination meeting Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Freed Orman Conference Center at the University of Windsor Campus, for the upcoming federal election. The keynote speaker that evening will be our own CAW sister Peggy Nash; MP for Parkdale-High Park. We would like you to come out to show your support for Brian Masse who has been a big support of our local and all the labour movement in our community.

**Apprenticeship Committee: B. Barrett**

No report

**President's Report: M. Vince**

Congratulations to P. Donnelly, J. Vilag and N. Manku

Incentive packages: STEP Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

Retirees Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> for the mail out

Employees at work and who think they may be laid off when WCP/EEP goes down and didn't get a letter on STEP contact us at the hall.

900 pension eligible people

\$70,000 plus \$30,000 car voucher at time of termination

DCX is also facing job cuts. Chrysler on auction block which is a real big concern.

Dollar vs Yen. There is an impact on auto prices and profit. Who owns the US debt?

We have a minor fire and we are up to .99/liter. This impacts our engines. Just another blow

Ford and Navistar fighting over warranty and other issues

Ford has time and time again done things that bite them in the butt.

EI is at 9.7% in Windsor which is the highest in Canada

9.7% is based on only people who are collecting EI

Many plants in Windsor and Essex County are affected by unemployment

We have an obligation to Windsor and Essex County to provide for our families and communities

On Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> there was a leadership meeting in Windsor on the economy

Manufacturing jobs in Windsor are 1 out of 4. Jobs and manufacturing on critical list.

Hershey's plant in Smith Falls is closing their doors with a new facility being built in Monterey Mexico. That is 430 people losing their jobs in a relatively small community

We must continue to build a good quality product right to the end  
WAP plant manager AL Howe has retired and Lloyd Maisonville will be  
overseeing both plants

We will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote on the by-law changes at the March  
membership meeting.

Recommendation: Resolution read and voted on.

D/O/C

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good and Welfare:** None

**Adjournment**