

Membership Meeting October 25, 2006

Minute of Silence

Previous Minutes: P. Freeland

Move adoption of the previous minutes as per handout at the door.

Correspondence: P. Freeland

None

Financial Report: D. Crosswell

Move adoption of the financial report as per handout at the door.

Financial Secretary: D. Crosswell

\$40,000.00 raised at the Youth 200 Golf Tournament. Press Conference will be held to hand out 8 awards of \$5000.00 each.

Talk last week about this, in the next few weeks the schedule for the next round of buyouts will be made available.

Town Hall generated a lot of municipal support.

Chamber of Commerce is finally on our side.

We are in the process of getting our ducks in a row; once everyone is together we will put together a big campaign (billboards, signs, etc.) to push our issues.

Municipal Elections, we need to elect people who support labour.

Ken Lewenza is being beaten up by the Windsor Star, but he is working for labour and needs our support.

Women's Committee: L. Leonard

Since the last membership, our women's committee won the Team Spirit Award for the most money raised by a women's team. We raised over \$ 9000.00, \$2000.00 from our yard sale and the rest from our in plant canvassing. Thank you to everyone for their generosity during a time of layoffs and uncertainty. We have won this award for many years now, mostly due to the hard work of our team captain Deb Logan. She works for months before the yard sale in August and up to and beyond Run for the Cure in October. Thank you to everyone for your continued support year after year.

TBTN was held on October 14th and was extremely successful with one of the best turnouts ever. The guest speaker was Lee Lakeman from the Vancouver Rape Crisis Centre. She has been doing remarkable work across Canada since the 70's and was an amazing speaker. She talked on many issues including Nurse Lori Dupont's murder. Brother Cochois got us two vans from Rose City Ford and Kim Crampsie and I shuttled many University of Windsor students to the rally. Many of them had never participated in something so empowering and moving. We stopped

traffic on Wyandotte and sent out the message to the neighbourhood that women and children demand the right to walk safely through their city at night. As Lee Lakeman eloquently said, "yell your message yell out for those who aren't here, yell out for Lori Dupont who no longer can, yell for an end to violence against women and children." Our vice-chair Shannon Rizok MC'd the event and did a fantastic job. There was a lot of support from men in the community which was very encouraging because ending violence is everyone's issue.

Recreation Committee: B. Chamberlain

Locally: Christmas Party December 2nd, 2006, tickets should be available next week.

Spits Tickets, next game November 26th, 2006 Mississauga
Cost \$12.00

Sworc: 8 ball tournament November 26th, 2006 @ Johnny Shots in Tecumseh.

Hockey Tournament December 9&10th, 2006 Tecumseh Arena. Texas Holden January 2007, Local 200/444 Hall
Moon Light Bowling February 17th, 2007 Rose bowl Lanes. Dart Tournament February 2007, Branch 143.
Cribbage & Euchre Tournament, March 2007, Branch 143. Fishing, May 20th, 2007 @ AMA Sportsman's Club.
Golf Tournament May 27th, 2007 @ Roseland Golf Course.

National: Texas Holden Tournament November 18th, 2006, Local 200/ 444 Hall, openings available till Oct. 26th, 2006 go to local 444 offices.

Indoor Volleyball March 4th, 2007 Sandcastle Recreation.
Slo-Pitch August 2007, London, Ontario.

Retirees Chapter: B. Turner

Bro. Crosswell as on hand to congratulate all new retirees. He also reported that a slate has been prepared for the municipal election coming up and that it was endorsed by the Windsor District Labour Council. Bro. Crosswell was thanked for his report.

Bro. Mike Vince then reported on the very difficult times that we are going through in this economic turn down. He reported that by this time next year, an additional 2200 ford employees could be layoff. A new cylinder head had been scheduled for Windsor and is going to Mexico instead. Bro. Vince was thanked for his report.

Ken Lewenza Jr. spoke at our meeting, and asked for our support in the upcoming election. He spoke on labour and social issues. He then was asked by the retirees many questions and gave answers to them. Bro. Lewenza was thanked.

Bro. Herb John then spoke on the growing poverty in Canada and around the world. He said that today there are more millionaires

and at the same time, more people who are living in poverty in Canada & around the world.

Sister Diana Debergh, Chairperson of the Activities Committee announced that a Halloween Pizza and Dance Party will take place in the hall from 7:00 pm until midnight on October 27th. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Our Christmas Party this year is to be held at the Caboto Club and will take place on Dec. 7th, with dancing and guest speakers at a cost of \$15.00.

Draws were held and meeting was adjourned.

Human Right's Committee: J. Engelmann

There will be a rally and March, Saturday October 28th, 2006 12 noon at Charles Clark Square, 200 Chatham Street East. This Rally is to support the bringing home of our troops from Afghanistan. Everyone is welcome.

Free the Cuban Five held in U.S. Jails, The Cuban Five are five Cuban men who are in U.S. Prison, serving four life sentences. They were involved in monitoring the actions of Miami-based terrorist groups, in order to prevent terrorist attacks on their country of Cuba. There will be a guest speaker in Windsor, hear Irma Gongalez @ Oak Room Vanier, University of Windsor on October 31, 2006 @ 7 pm.

Education Committee: T. Stewart

No Report.

Environmental Report: R. Mc Lean

Hospice Tree Planting: Local 200 Committee members participated in a Hospice tree planting earlier this month. We are working in concert with Lil' REG & Hospice to plant an environment friendly barrier between local resident's & Hospice visitors to ensure the privacy of both parties.

Youth Environment Network: 100 area high school students participated in the 12th annual CAW Youth Environment Network Conference at Holiday Beach this month. Activities included raptor counting, bird banding, and bird box building & alternative energy presentations. Members of the Local 200 Environment Committee acted as guides for the students.

Planet in Focus: There will be a showing of the Al Gore movie, "An Inconvenient Truth" in conjunction with other standing committees coming up in the near future. Please watch the boards for details.

Port Elgin Family Education Centre: Brother's Troy Brian & Vince Coppola will be attending the Workplace Environment course next month at Port Elgin. Troy and Vince are JWEC reps

in the respective plants.

3rd Annual Human Rights Forum: Kelly St. Pierre, Troy Brian, Chris Vilag & myself will be presenters at the 3rd Annual Human Rights forum at the University of Windsor in December. This forum is for Grade 8 students from Windsor and Essex County.

Political Education Committee: P. Boyce

This Saturday and Sunday Ken Lewenza Jr. is asking for help to canvass voters for Ward 4 elections. If available Ken wants to canvass Saturday at 10 am and Sunday at noon at his election office. Office is located on Tecumseh Road East across from Reaume Sports at the old Pinnacle Chrysler used car dealership. Also anyone who would like to phone canvass for Kenny call 945-iken.

Apprentice Committee: B. Barrett

There are only 2 apprentices left in the system.

President's Report: T. Cochois

3909 employees on active roll;

248 TPT's

763 hourly layoff

59 skilled trades on layoff

170 hourly on notice

70 skilled trades on notice.

In auto council Buzz talk about what Windsor (Ford) will look like. 6300 employees two years ago, now we have 3909 employees.

6.2 litre cyl. Head gone screwed

EEP, MVL Line 450 jobs gone screwed.

WAP, 2nd phase (north line) gone screwed.

WEP, 5.4 litre (1 shift) 350 jobs gone screwed.

WCP, gone screwed.

EEP. gone screwed.

Could be down to 2600 members.

That is why we did the town hall, to make the business community, municipal leaders understand the issues and to be on our side.

We need to get to Fords and make them understand that we need new business.

We have 2 or 3 hot issues on the table right now.

Company wants TTC's to start doing TC's work.

Company wants Skilled Trades to do Production work.

There was no discussion with the bargaining committee.

Bob Turnicki and Alex Keeney were told there will be trouble in Windsor if this company does not reverse their discussion.

We put out letters to keep the membership aware of what is going

on.

There was almost 100% no show to the company's information meeting.

EAP, we had an agreement with them on the 6.2 litre cyl. Head Ford ended up outsourcing the 6.2 litre cyl. Head to Monterey (Nemak) in Mexico.

Rumor is that they are going to bring the cyl. Head back (1.5 miles from EAP) to have the cyl. Head super-cubed.

The company's arrogant at all Ford sites, Oakville/St. Thomas/Windsor.

Training has been frozen.

In Oakville, the company will not hire additional employees for Vacation Replacements; they are going to just pay out remaining vacations.

Company is talking about a 4.4 litre diesel engine (will most likely go in the F-150 and will effect the 4.6 litre engine from the WEP). Elections, there are slates of the candidates being supported.

We need the membership behind these people and get them elected.

Unfinished Business: Nil.

New Business: Marc Renaud is doing a fantastic job as Co-Chair of the United Way. Big Raffle in the next few weeks for United Way.

Good and Welfare: Benefit Dinner, \$ 10.00/plate Sunday November 12th, 2006 @ Topps of Windsor.

Adjournment: 5:35 pm.