

OPSEU Local 420
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, December 21st, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.
Loyalist College – 3H9

Members Present: Eric Bauer, Bernie Belanger, Steve Bolton, Mark Durling, Brian Gibb, Mary Jane Green, Vince Middleton, Jackie Stephens, David Stewart, Eugene Tay, Cathy Waite, Diane Malette, Gerry Byrd, Sarah Hopper, Gina Brennan, Kathleen Rankine, Eric Heidendahl, Charlotte Conard, Steve Cook, Bruce Wright, Brad Baragar, Terry Hickey, Joe Callahan, Michael Manthorpe, Ellie Jones-Cleave, Kari Kramp, Garrett Schultens, Vern Belos, Shelly Lyck, Jim Molloy, Robin Keller, Rosie Reid, Kathleen Rankine, Lorne Thompson, Eric Tippelt

1. Call to order - 11:35 a.m.
2. Adoption of agenda – (Tay/Bauer) - Carried
3. Minutes of General Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2010 General Membership Meeting (Keller/Bolton) - Carried
4. Business arising from the previous meeting - none
5. Treasurer's Report – a formal treasurer's report was not presented; however, Bruce Wright reviewed the current state of the Local 420 budget noting the large increase in parking costs for the local in the last couple of years. The current fee works out to an annual amount of \$254.25 per member, representing an increase from \$231.65 in the past year. Bruce also made note of the fact that the Local's revenues are a little higher at the moment thanks to an increase in the number of both full-time and partial load faculty who are contributing to the Local's membership fee income.
6. Correspondence – none
7. Initiation of new members – none
8. Reports of officers – no formal reports were prepared by any officers of the LEC but Bernie spoke to the membership about the success of the recent pension workshop hosted by OPSEU at Loyalist. He indicated that there had been some WMG business recently and added that he and Eugene continue to meet with Karen Cullen on a regular basis and that this has encouraged the maintenance of a good working relationship with management.
9. Reports of committees – no committee reports were presented
10. Nominations & Elections – none

11. Unfinished Business – Bernie spoke to the fact that the LEC had tackled the job of formulating a policy for the Local to deal with special requests from members for personal financial assistance. Pointing out the difficulties of developing a policy which could address all eventualities (sickness of members, loss of house or other financial catastrophes, expensive family illnesses, etc.), Bernie informed the membership that the LEC had no success in achieving this goal. The LEC has therefore decided to turn down any such future requests for financial assistance for members of the local.

- as suggested in the general membership meeting of October 13th, 2010 Bernie also addressed the question of "capping" the strike fund. **Motion:** "Be it resolved that when the Strike Fund reaches \$300,000 the \$6.00/pay levy for the fund cease with a concurrent reduction in members' local dues of \$6.00/pay." (Belanger/Bauer)
- this motion gave rise to considerable discussion. It was pointed out that if direct bi-monthly contributions to the strike fund from members were to cease, the fund would continue to grow at an investment interest rate of approximately 4% per year (about \$12,000 this year). A motion was made to call the question (Schultens/Thompson) - carried
- the original motion also carried
- a further **motion** regarding the strike fund was made: "Be it resolved that once the Strike Fund reaches a balance of \$300,000, the \$3.00/pay currently diverted from General Revenues to the Strike Fund be returned to General Revenues" - (Belanger/Tay) - carried

12. Adjournment – (Keller) – 12:18 p.m.