

OPSEU LOCAL 420
Minutes
Tuesday, Sep 18th, 2012
Paolo's Trattoria, BELLEVILLE

Members Present: Pat Dockrill, Eugene Tay, Bernie Belanger, Steve Bolton, Diane Malette, Cathy Waite, Eric Heidendahl, Bruce Wright, Dave Stewart, Doug Lafreniere, Jonathan Lake, Robin Keller

Guests: Gord Wright

Regrets: Wally Rendell, Bridget Ferguson.

1. **Call to order** – 5:35
2. **Adoption of agenda** – (Lafreniere/Tay) carried.
3. **Set next meeting date** – Monday October 15, 2012 – 5:30
4. **Minutes of previous meeting – June 12, 2012** (Tay/Malette) carried.
5. **Business arising from the previous meeting** – Eugene Tay asked for clarification in regard to the UCC's June's report, in which John McMahan informed members of the UCC that "Program Retention Strategy meetings constituted one half of the weekly allotment for Staff Meetings". Tay believes this could be interpreted as – faculty participation in the Retention Strategy need not extend passed any scheduled staff meeting.
6. **Resignations, Nominations and Elections** - none
7. **Committee reports**
 - 7.1 **Health and Safety Committee** – Next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Sep 19, 2012.
 - 7.2 **College Employment Stability Committee** – none
 - 7.3 **Union College Committee** – none
 - 7.4 **Workload Monitoring Group** – none
 - 7.5 **Local 421** – Wright attended Centennial Park on Sep 15, 2012 for a Day of Action opposing cuts to the public service sector. Wright also indicated that grievances have been filed that deal with: the Day Care closer, job classification and contracting out. (Tay/Bolton) carried.

7.6 Quinte Labour Council – The Quinte Labour Council hosted a booth at the Quinte Mall on June 31st and July 1st. 240 visitors. The council donated \$200.00 to the Jack Layton memorial. (Keller/Dockrill) carried.

7.7 B.O.G. – Natalie Bohnen-Twiddy, Ross Danaher, June Hagerman and David Pickett have joined the Board of Governors. The minister has been meeting with the 20 universities and 24 colleges to look at the restructuring of post-secondary system – articulation agreements, and transfer credits are priority. (Bolton/ Heidendahl) – carried.

8. Officers' reports

8.1 President – After a lengthy hiatus Eugene and Bernard have resumed their weekly meeting with Karen Cullen. Bernard is hoping to resurrect the Local 420 Newsletter. (Lake/Bolton) carried.

8.2 Vice President – none

8.3 Chief Steward – Tay provided an update on grievance's still in the system. (Lafreniere/Wright) carried.

8.4 Treasurer – Bruce reviewed the 2011-2012 expenditures – only one major variance from the budgeted numbers, Discretionary Payments: Budgeted- \$3000.00 / Actual \$8220.40. The 2012-2013 budget will be set at the next AGM. Honorariums will be presented for approval at the next AGM. (Bolton/Keller) carried.

8.5 Secretary - none

9. Unfinished business - none

10. Good of the local – Amanda Hunt is continuing to support faculty with the BB9.1 transition.

11. New business – Divisional executive is being held at the Delta Chelsea on Oct 27, 2012. Bernard and Dave will be representing Local 420. (Stewart/Waite) carried.

12. Adjournment – 7:20 (Waite/Lake) – carried.

Dear Friends:

Our father, Don Robinson, is 49 years old. For more than 20 years, he worked at Loyalist College as a Technologist in the Automotive Department. Don was also a Volunteer Fire Fighter with Quinte West for 15 years, serving as a Captain and Training Facilitator. He retired from the fire department due to an injured back at work in November 2004.

In January 2009, he was struck with heart troubles. While admitted to the hospital, after 6 surgeries, the doctors completed an MRI and other miscellaneous testing to discover that Don has Multiple Sclerosis. Don was referred to the MS Clinic at Kingston General Hospital for additional testing. The doctors confirmed the diagnosis of Primary Progressive MS in November 2011. The doctors have told Don there are no treatments and no cure. Don now relies on a wheelchair as his mobility and quality of life has decreased substantially in such a short amount of time.

Due to his illness, Don must complete home renovations to include a wheelchair accessible bathroom, widen doorways and install ramps. As this is a large renovation, he decided to look in to his options and discovered the Ontario March of Dimes' Home & Vehicle Modification Program. This program is intended to assist permanent Ontario residents with a substantial impairment expected to last one year or more. By reducing or eliminating life safety risks, these modifications enable children and adults with mobility restrictions to continue living in their homes and participate in their communities.

Graciously, March of Dimes has agreed to grant Don \$10,200.00 towards the renovations if Don can fund the remaining amount within 90 days. He was quoted \$24,545.28 to include all of the necessary changes. Unfortunately, after over 2 years of CPP benefits, he has used up any and all savings to complete the renovations himself.

Any donation that you or your organization could provide would be greatly appreciated. We have tickets for sale if you would like to attend the event as well.

We are having a Benefit for him on June 16th, 2012. Tickets are for sale at \$10. there will be Music, Snacks, Cash Bar, Games, and Prizes to had.

Thanks
Sean Robinson