

General Service

Chairs Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday

September 13, 2005

Grant Notley "A" Room, AUPE

Headquarters

Local 003 Chaired meeting. Called to order at 10:10 a.m.

In Attendance: Ann Green, Local 001
Dennis Coulthard, Local 002
Jim Dick, Local 002
Cec Cardinal, Local 003
Dianne Beaton, Local 003
Dan Niven, Local 004
Mike Dempsey, Local 005
Sandra Azocar, Local 006
Maureen Braun, Local 006
Darrol Mason, Local 009
Margaret Minifre-Cloutier, Local 010
Jan Grant, Local 010
Colon Sheppard, Local 012

Adoption of minutes from the meeting held April 1, 2005

Business arising from meeting notice:

Local 001, Ann Green questioned why only two members of the local executive were allowed to attend the meeting.

Explanation was presented by Dianne Beaton that these meetings were originally put in place for the chairs of the General Service to get together when needed to discuss issues affecting the General Service. It was to help in the flow of information and assist in the communication within the General Service. It is meant to be an information session where the chairs can take the information back to their locals. It was felt that two members of the

executive could attend in order to assist the chairs if they were not able to attend one of the meetings they would have a back-up who knew what was going on. It was felt by past chairs that if locals bring their entire executives the process takes too long and changes the original purpose of the meetings.

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New Business:

Sectoral Conference: Maureen Braun and Dennis Coulthard responded to Sectoral Conferences. Maureen advised that there is no current development regarding a Sectoral Conference at this time. They did not feel that at present there was the need for a sectoral conference for the General Service. Discussion was held amongst those present and it was felt there needs to be a **purpose** for a sectoral conference and there does not seem be that purpose at this present time. It was suggested that General Service should see if some members could attend the Educational Sectoral Conference and observe to see if this is something that we require.

Cec Cardinal asked guest Garnet Robinson if he was aware of any conference coming up. Garnet discussed the Labour History Conference being put on by the Alberta History Institution. Garnet will pass on the information.

Maureen discussed all sectors getting together for a "sectoral conference". Executive driven and executive attended.

Anti-Privatization Committee:

Purpose was to have the Anti-Privatization committee from General Service in contact with other anti-privatization committees.

M/S/C Each local chair submit their anti-privatization list, with one contact person, to the General Service chairs minutes and these names be forwarded to the anti-privatization MSO by Oct 15, 2005.

To be noted: I have received the names of local 003, 004 and 012 contact lists. Please forward the rest of your ant-priv. committee names so we can forward them on

Labour School:

Cec discussed last year's labour school and local 003's concerns. Advised how local 003 dealt with their concerns and satisfaction with the response and explanation received. Cec discussed ranking system that local 003 had in place at that the ranking system will be returned to. Many other locals discussed a ranking system

Maureen discussed the process of Labour School and how locals rank their members and then it is changed by committee or headquarters. A discussion was held that the committee needs to have clear guidelines on how screening is completed.

Mike Dempsey brought forward the idea of pro-rating per membership and how that would work. Dianne Beaton discussed the level of participation that local 003 has in active members within the local and these active

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members should not be denied access due to "numbers". There was a general agreement that there needs to be criteria clearly set out for those applying for courses.

Greg Maruca came in and explained the process for labour school and answered questions. He advised that this year the first selection will be completed via the computer and then the "human touch"

Dennis stated that we should be proud of labour school as it is a very good thing.

New Business:

Ann Green brought forward a concern regarding worksite contact info being kept up to date. She was concerned that if it is the chairs responsibility to keep the information updated and they can not access the information how do they keep the information current?

It was agreed that there are many mixed messages out there regarding membership information.

Ann discussed the idea of Headquarters having someone keep this lists updated. It is a very time consuming ordeal for chairs of large locals

M/S/C AUPE fix the problem with maintaining accurate worksite contact lists on a continual basis.

Websites for locals:

Process is continuing and headquarters hopes to have it in place within the next couple of months.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2005 and will be chaired by Local 012