

CREDENTIALS REPORT:

17 present, with 12 delegates and 5 guests

OBLIGATION OF NEW DELEGATES:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

M/S/C to adopt financial report as circulated (attached).

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT/ACTION CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Letter from United Way requesting donation - M/S/C to donate \$500.00.
- b) Letter from On to Ottawa Historical Society requesting donation - receive & file.
- c) Letter from CLC requesting donations to the Grain Services Union, Local 1450 - receive & file.
- d) Letter from CLC re: Southern Interior Labour Council Conference, June 2, Kimberley, BC - M/S/C that up to four table officers attend the conference. Three delegates already determined M. Mentz; D.Doran; J.Filion.
- e) Letter from CLC re: Workers' Millennium Project video series and CD-Rom - receive and place in Labour Council Library. M/S/C that a set of the English & French version of the video tapes be donated to the Kelowna Public Library and that a letter be sent to the CLC congratulating them on the completion of the resolution passed at the 1999 convention and advise of our donation.
- f) CLC Bulletin #2001-01 re: National Representative Position (Temporary) - U.N. Conference Against Racism - receive & file.
- g) Letter from Solidarity Network requesting renewal of membership - receive & file.

REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, CLC REPORT:

Flore Langeslag, BCGEU 407: In the community sector, wage increases 2001 - 2004 Collective Agreement. 85% of union members voted to accept the offer. See handouts for Community Health Sectors.

Dave Mitchell, TWU 16: TELUS has refused to meet with the TWU bargaining team since the end of March. They keep scheduling a meeting then renegeing at the last minute. At the TELUS shareholders meeting CEO Darrin Entwistle announced layoffs of up to 2200 employees. The TWU put an overtime ban on last Thursday and the company has responded by filing a complaint with the CIRB to declare the overtime ban illegal. That hearing is taking place today in Vancouver. The TWU has also filed an unfair labour practice against TELUS for failure to bargain in good faith. It looks like getting a new collective agreement is going to be quite a battle.

Pat Bulmer, CEP 2000: The 103 members of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, Local 2000 who work at the Purdy's Chocolates production plant in Vancouver went on strike on Monday, April 30 at 3:00 am.

The company has covered over the windows, hired a security company and appears to want to maintain some level of production. One guy hopped the barb-wired fence the first day of the strike to scab on his fellow workers, and the next day went across the line in the trunk of a manager's car. Just because he has absolutely no self-respect, he wants to deny his co-workers the right to have dignity in their workplace.

The issues include health & safety, sick leave, wages and in general dignity and rights in the workplace.

This is a predominantly female workforce who are trying to negotiate a second collective agreement with the company, and this is their first time on strike.

The strikers are requesting that you contact Purdy's by e-mail and tell the company to negotiate with their workers instead of treating them with such disrespect. Purdy's address is choklit@purdys.com.

Messages of support would be greatly appreciated by the strikers and can be sent to cep2000@mediaunion.bc.ca.

Kathy Dunn, HEU: On May 4, HEU ratified a 3 year collective agreement that includes funding for 300 new staff in Long Term Care and a plan for parity in the community sector. There was also legislation that has taken down the wall between the community and facilities sector - 1 table next round of bargaining.

There were no rollbacks or concessions. Funding for training through the Labour Adjustment Agency. Pay increases and an increase in pay equity of 3.7% over the 3 year contract to go to over 85% of our members and a commitment from the employer to eliminate manual lifting.

Don Main, CARPS: EI Laws Shortchanging Women (see attached report).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Day of Mourning, April 28/01
 - held at Ben Lee Park
 - 28 people in attendance
 - media coverage
 - Smiley Nelson, Kelowna City Counsellor attended
 - donators' wall will be completed within the next two months
- b) Golf Tournament - August 5/01 (see attached registration form)

- c) Family Baseball Tournament - (see attached registration form)
- August 18 & 19/01
 - Mission Sports Field Saturday 9-5; Sunday 9-1
 - \$100/team (max. 10 teams)
 - registration deadline July 3/01
 - for more info contact Bob Barten at 769-3729 or Justine Mentze at 765-5050

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Silver Lake Camp - 2 youth delegates
- forestry camp
 - age range 6 to 15 years
 - names to be selected at June meeting
- b) Camp Jubilee - 1 youth delegate
- camp for excelling youth; social issues, comradeship
 - names to be selected at June meeting
 - age range 14 to 18 years
- c) OPEIU "It's our *Dam Power*" Video Presentation
- video was not available for review
 - deregulation of BC Hydro
 - Gord Stoutenberg will head the campaign

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT:

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GOOD & WELFARE:

- Provincial Election May 16/2001

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judi Fillion
Recording Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2001
AT THE BCGEU OFFICE IN KELOWNA AT 7:30 PM.

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