**Meeting of the Cornwall & District Labour Council**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022 by zoom.**

Louise Lanctot, OSSTF D26 **called the meeting to order** at 7 pm.

**Roll Call** showed Louise Lanctot, OSSTF, Kathleen Trudel, CEIU, Lisa Chalmers, OPSEU 453, Diane Besner, CURC, Kim Kent, CLC and Elaine MacDonald, CURC, recording, as present.

Louise made a **land acknowledgement** to begin the business of the meeting.

The **agenda** was presented and a new business item, namely email efficiency, was added and the agenda was accepted as amended. Moved by Elaine, seconded by Dian and approved by all.

The **minutes of September 28** were presented, reviewed, a typo was noted and the amended minutes were approved. Elaine moved, Diane seconded and all approved.

**PresidentS Report**

Louise reported that 3 of us answered the call from **CUPE** to picket and leaflet on October 21st at la Citadelle Secondary School. We believe this is the first of what promises to be a series of actions in support of public sector workers who have been held to 1% since 2019 thru Bill 124.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Diane reported that our current balance is $$5,269.53 and she will soon be depositing further dues, including a cheque for $750.00. Diane reported that UA has paid its dues and maintains its affiliation.

**Delegates Reports**

Louise on behalf of **OSSTF** whose contract expired in August reports that the leadup to negotiations, both for regular and occasional teachers are underway and a start on late November is anticipated. The union is holding form on keeping the right to speak to the media. They are involved in only one grievance that has gone to arbitration. The issue is posting.

Louise relayed the same report from Heather Megill, on behalf of **ETFO.**

Lisa Chalmers reported that **OPSEU** is holding its AGM in on Nov 17. Local 453 has been to Toronto for divisional networking. The local is growing, with 6 Ministeries involved and the leadership is working hard to growing capacity and engagement. For example, the union gives a lot to charities that support their social equity goal. Meeting attendees are engaged by the chance of winning the opportunity to name the charity that will receive a donation.

The union has grievances out for September 19 and September 30, which are both federal holidays and they were not granted the days, even though their contract assures them thery will get federal holidays.

Kathleen reported for **CEIU** that their AGM is coming up in December and she anticipates running for executive office. CEIU has one lunch meeting a month, where members network. At the recent such meeting at the call centre on Boundary Road, workers in EI and CPP distributed information sheets, outlining the strike process, for general information.

CEIU has an active Women’s Committee that organized a self-defense training session for members, which was very well received.

**Committee Reports**

Louise reported on behalf of the **political action committee** that the labour council conducted two exercises during the municipal election period. One was a questionnaire, the answers to which could earn an endorsement for the candidate sent out to the affiliates. The other was an all-candidates’ meeting, which also helped determine the endorsements.

Louise spoke of the Womens Day event for 2023. She asked members to consider staying with the dinner program we used in 2022 as opposed to our customary breakfast program. A possible speaker is Nancy Peckford, newly re-elected mayor of Kemptville, who won 75% of the vote.

**CLC Report**

Kim’s entire report is included here. In her comments, and Kim emphasized the Care Campaign, which champions caregivers, most of whom are woefully underpaid, and the labour College of Canada 2-year course for labour leaders. The deadline for nominations for the Disability Award is November 4.

**The Entire CLC Report:**

1. Municipal Elections: Promote the events coming up for that Labour Council and encourage them to get involved on a campaign.
2. New Date for CLC Labour Council Presidents Meeting, November 6, 2022, and OFL Executive Council – November 7, 2022 @ 9:00 AM –both will be held virtually. We will look forward to hopefully having the one following this in our new shared office space.
3. **Let’s take care for all!** The **Care Campaign** recognizes the people who care for our children, the ill, the elderly, our parents, people living with disabilities and beyond. But we are facing a care crisis. Care workers are often overlooked and underpaid. Care services are inaccessible, underfunded or privatized.

We need the government to address Canada’s care crisis by investing in quality care services and creating better jobs that reward care workers equitably and ensure decent working conditions.

Together, we can secure fair and decent work for all care workers and ensure our communities have access to the quality care services they need.

**It’s time for us to act now and #ShowWeCare.**

**Join the campaign:** [**https://showwecare.ca/take-action/join/**](https://showwecare.ca/take-action/join/)

# Show We Care Let’s build a world where everyone has the care they need. Send a letter to your MP and tell them we need action now to address Canada’s care crisis.

# Email your MP: <https://showwecare.ca/take-action/email-your-mp/>

# 5. Applications are now open for the Labour College of Canada

# University level labour studies for union leaders of today and tomorrow.

# <https://canadianlabour.ca/who-we-are/labour-education/labour-college-of-canada/>

# 6. The Carol McGregor CLC Disability Rights Award

**Nominations are now open!**

<https://canadianlabour.ca/carol-mcgregor-clc-disability-rights-award/>

**New Business**

Elaine spoke of confusion re meeting days and times and suggested we write a reminder to all the affiliates re the new day and time of meetings, which is 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

A reminder/invitation will go out a week or so prior, but be aware that the time and day are firm.

Another source of possible confusion is the sender. The agenda and meeting notice will always come from action@cornwalllabour.ca.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:52 pm. Kathleen moved, Lisa seconded, all approved.