

**CUPE Local 410
General Membership Meeting
Monday May 31, 2010
Emily Carr Branch
6:30 P.M.**

20 Members in attendance

1. Roll Call of Officers

Helen Hughes (President), Olivia Anderson (Vice-President), Vicki Sundher (Secretary/Treasurer), Ursula Benoit (Recording Secretary), Cindy McKenna (Memberships), Fatima Ferreira (Correspondence Secretary)

2. Minutes

One typing error was noted. A motion was made to accept the revised minutes.

M. S. C.

3. New Members

Andrew Louis was sworn in.

4. Executive Report

Helen Hughes provided a verbal report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Vicki Sundher reviewed her written report. A motion was made to accept the report. Vicki confirmed that a donation approved for Chilean earthquake relief at our previous meeting in the amount of \$300.00 has been made. A donation of \$425.00 made at our May Day fundraising event has been sent to the Sandy Merriman House. All of our per capita payments are up to date except for CUPE National. \$150,000.00 has been transferred to our high-interest account.

M. S. C.

6. Communications and Bills

Fatima provided a verbal report. A "thank you" card has been received from the Sandy Merriman House. A flyer announcing VIDC's "Stewards Conference" taking place in Nanaimo in September has been received and routed. A motion was made to allow up to 6 stewards to attend this conference. Fatima will send out an email reminding our Stewards that there is a registration deadline and that they have 2 weeks to declare an interest. **M. S. C.**

Fatima also reported on the dreadful conditions currently being experienced in school libraries and resource centers across this province. Many are reduced to being open only one day or even half a day per week. Some resource centers have been closed and the collections disposed of. She urged everyone to write to their provincial members of the legislative assembly, the minister of education and their local school boards.

A motion was made to receive and file the correspondence. **M. S. C.**

7. Committee Reports

VLC – Helen Hughes attended the most recent meeting. Quorum has been an issue for some time and a notice of motion has been issued suggesting a reduction in the total number that will constitute quorum. This will be discussed at the June meeting. The CRD water campaign was discussed, as well as the Canada Post petition to stop the crown corporation from moving all Vancouver Island sorting over to Vancouver. There was also some discussion about a developer in Colwood that is asking to have a portion of the Galloping Goose Trail converted to roadway. Our members were urged to visit the CRD website and voice our concerns and opposition.

VIDC – Olivia Anderson and Sharlene Patterson attended the most recent meeting. Elections were held and Holman Louis is VIDC's Recording Secretary.

U/M – Helen Hughes, Olivia Anderson and Catherine Lindsay attended (regular members Holman and Ursula were both away). Prior to the meeting, Helen Hughes discussed the attendance of Carolina Munoz with Renee Bauert and agreed that Carolina can attend as the only Recording Secretary for this committee and as Renee's alternate whenever she is unable to attend. The Union will pay close attention to the minutes to ensure that they are fair and unbiased. It was at this meeting that we were informed that GVPL had not been collecting an increase in LTD premiums for over a year. GVPL has fully remitted the \$40,000.00 owed to the carrier and will be taking additional monies from each employee over the next 10 pay periods until each employee's back premiums are fully paid. The search for a new CEO will begin immediately. Interviews should be held in July and it is hoped that a new CEO will be in place sometime in September.

Scholarships – Sara Lohmann reported that application forms are available through CUPE 410's website. The application deadline is September 30th.

OHS – Helen Hughes had nothing to report, however there was some discussion from the floor about sensitivities to some of the cleansers being used at branches. It was recommended that this issue be brought to the attention of each branch's OHS committee representative and that it will be handled at the branch level or brought to a meeting of the full committee.

International Sol. – Nothing to report.

Negotiating Cttee – Tammy Simonds has had one or two preliminary discussions with local CUPE presidents. There is nothing yet to report.

A motion was made to accept all of the reports. **M. S. C.**

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 May Day – Strong Communities Campaign

The “Frock Swap” organized by Olivia Anderson, with assistance from many others, was a great success. We would like to make this an annual event with proceeds going to different organizations. We would like to work with other locals to expand the event. Olivia hopes to send an article to VIDC’s newsletter and has already sent photos and information to CUPE BC. Ideas for future events should be sent to Olivia.

8.2 Convention Report

Olivia Anderson compiled, presented and reviewed a written report (attached).

Vicki Sundher stressed the “Young Workers Group” from CUPE BC and is hoping that someone from GVPL might be able to organize GVPL’s “under 30” employees and develop a strategy for engaging these employees in the work of the Union and community participation.

9. New Business

The BC Federation of Labour is organizing a “Young Workers’ Retreat”, to be held June 11 to 13, 2010. Two of our members (Andrew Louis and Carlie McKenzie) have expressed an interest in attending. A motion was made that we provide the necessary funding to allow 2 young members of CUPE 410 to attend this retreat. **M. S. C.**

10. Good of the Union

Joyce Josephson has a new grandchild.

Phil Lajoie’s grandfather has passed away.

Holman Louis’s aunt has passed away.

Mim Donald has a new grandchild.

Lynn Scott’s mother has passed away.

Appropriate cards will be sent to all of the above members.

Holman Louis reported on a municipal protest he experienced while on vacation in Spain.

It was reported that GVPL has not been posting Library Board agendas and minutes in a timely manner. Helen Hughes will follow up on this issue with Management.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.