Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013 Central Council Minutes

Meeting of June 12, 2006

In Attendance:

Presiding Jean De Peiza Anna Caruso Bev Bryant Eric Range Dario Gritti Heather Henderson	President Director – TSO Director – TCC Treasurer Chief Steward Steward	<i>Recording</i> Ryan Ward Dave Taylor John Woodburne Frank DeBlasio Sandra Cribar	Secretary VP – TCC Director – TSO Director – TSO Director – TCC
Absent: Linda Collins Cheryl Grieve	VP - TSO Director – TSO	Rob Hamilton Sheila Reuben	Director - TSO Director - TCC
Guests: Candy Carnovale	Managing Trustee		

COMMENCEMENT

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Jean De Peiza.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Candy Carnovale reported that:

The school she contacted about the Diana Gee Scholarship Awards has 68 students and six are graduating in 2006, five boys, one girl.

Diana Gee was a member of the *Deer Clan* and as a result Candy decided rather than using a plaque, a deer antler made out of wood with wood feather that will be given out as the award.

The graduation ceremony takes place at the Native Canadian Centre (Spadina/Bloor) on June 22, 2006 at 5 pm. There will be speakers, dancers and singers as well as a feast. There is no cost to any attendee.

Graduates will receive a gift which will be a bracelet choker that each graduate will receive and a scarf/sash with the child's clan (real or adoptive) on it.

Each clan has a staff to commemorate the specific clan, which is a piece of wood with a crest for the clan on it.

Motion to add \$100 to Scholarship Fund so all six children will receive an award, rather than the initial \$500 proposed.

Moved by Dario Gritti / Second by Dave Taylor / Carried Unanimously.

Dave Taylor requests information on how many graduates are expected to be graduating annually over the next few years.

Dario Gritti reported that:

Annually the trust will have a minimum of \$500 inside the scholarship with any increase initiated by members. Enquiring about charitable status so anyone who does donate will receive a tax credit for the donation.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no minutes available for meeting.

REPORTS

Jean De Peiza, president, reported that: Observe and Attest Training is a mandatory two-day training session for all union executive members that will also be attended by management staff as well.

On June 2 – 4, members of the local executive attended a Developing Union Activism training course at the Delta Chelsea Hotel (Toronto). During the weekend, there were discussions about locating members who want to take part in the union, communications, roles of union locals and management and getting members more involved.

Last year there was a great deal of transition and more work to ensure a strong retention of union executive was needed. Dario and Jean are going to be meeting with all former CEUDA members who have joined the UTE.

Anyone interested in applying for UTE Scholarships needs to have the submission in by June 15th. The scholarships are open to any member in good standing and their children. The PSAC Scholarships are also due by the end of June.

Betty Bannon, UTE National President, has sent out a memorandum concerning the use of the UTE logo on any documentation. National approval will have to be sought on any use of the logo outside of internal correspondence and postings within the locals.

There are issues that have to be dealt with and the Political Action Committee's role is develop strong negotiations with Members of Parliament to discuss areas of importance including childcare, pension and closing of counters. It was requested to have a plan of action set up by next week.

Dave Taylor, VP Toronto Call Centre, had nothing to report. Linda Collins, VP Toronto Centre TSO, was not in attendance and no report was presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Item 1 – Diana Gee Memorial Awards

Reported in Special Business.

Item 2 – Communications Officer

Dario Gritti reported that:

At the recent Developing Union Activism course there was a discussion on the creation of a Communications Officer position to really build up the communications within the local. The position would entail management of the UTE Local 13 web site at <u>www.utetc.org</u>, phone tree maintenance, publicity and public relations, plantgate flyer activity and member education on the issues and other areas of interest.

A Communications Officer position shall be created to carry on areas of communications for UTE Local 13.

Moved by Dario Gritti / Second by Eric Range / Carried.

The position shall be posted on the UTE 013 message boards and a hiring board shall be struck to hire the position.

Moved by Dario Gritti / Second by Sandra Cribar / Carried.

Item 3 – Formalised Director Portfolios

Jean De Peiza reported that:

Each member of Union Local executive shall be designated to specific tasks. Frank Deblasio is on the Occupational Health and Safety Committee for the union, Rob Hamilton is on the Finance Committee.

Item 4 – Scab Report: Referral to PSAC - Developments

Nothing to report.

Item 5 – 25% Levy – Call Centre Designates Status Report

Dario Gritti and Dave Taylor reported that:

There is on-going activity concerning the 25% levy of all term employees to permanent status but several questions still remain that need to be clarified.

Item 6 - Office Updates

Dario Gritti reported that:

The office is finally being set up and a number of new items have been brought into the office.

There was a request to have the timeposter brought down from its current spot on the boardroom wall as it is too high to write on.

Some additions have been put in. There are three tables now in the office. The filing cabinet and shelving unit has been added to the office. Dario Gritti requests money to be paid to him although he did not seek prior approval before purchasing furniture. In total the approximate amount spent is about \$250 for furniture and \$300 for a binding machine.

A request was put forward to ask PSAC Area Council on Wednesday for funds to donate to the local grand opening in September.

The tentative date of the UTE Local Office Grand Opening is September 13, 2006 with two scheduled times to attend, from 12 - 2 pm and from 5 - 7 pm. All UTE members are welcome and management is encouraged to attend as well.

Anna Caruso will take the lead on the afternoon event, John Woodburne will take the lead on the evening open house event. A fridge will be coming into the office when someone can go up to North York to pick up the fridge.

ROUNDTABLE

John Woodburne: Request to find out if members in good standing can attend a conference provided these individuals can pay their expenses. Members in good standing are welcome to attend except in cases of in-camera sessions and do not have to register to attend prior to arrival.

Sandra Cribar: Requests other individuals who wish to attend the meeting to have an opportunity to attend.

Jean De Peiza requests that:

If anyone is interested in attending our local meetings, prior notice is requested for anyone who wishes to attend so we can accommodate these individuals.

Bev Bryant: Announced she will be in attendance at the PSAC Area Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT Council adjourn forthwith.

The next meeting shall take place July 10, 2006 followed by August 14, 2006 depending on if required. In September, the meeting shall take place on September 11, 2006.