

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

1. Membership meeting called to order by Vice-President Janet Hunter at 12:05 p.m.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
M/ by Debbie Cole to approve the agenda. S/ by Terry Garner. CARRIED.
3. **Adoption of Minutes**
M/ by Don Smith to adopt the Minutes of the December 7, 2005 General Membership Meeting. S/ by Claude L'Ecuyer. CARRIED.
4. **President's Report**
 - (a) Executive activity since last general meeting:
Janet Hunter read through report prepared by President Lois Kirkup for the meeting (included in meeting material).
 - (b) Presentation of 25-year TNG Pin to Julian Riches - Citizen/Photo Dept.
Julian was not in attendance at the meeting; pin will be presented to him at work tonight.
5. **Financial Report**
 - (a) **Update** - Gord Holder presented the financial report to February 28, 2006, five months into the fiscal year. He advised that expenses to date are generally in line with budget estimations and that revenue is followed throughout the year to see where we are within the budget. A new fax machine was purchased for the Guild office in January and a new desktop computer system was bought in March. The Special Projects Fund has been set up and appears on the General Fund Balance Sheet. Holder reported that the value of the long-term investments in the ONG Defence Fund is \$1,202,488.07. The 'Payable to General Fund' liability of \$5,837.46 on the Defence Fund Balance Sheet includes money paid out during the fiscal year for invoices and legal bills on behalf of the Defence Fund. The same amount also appears on the General Fund Balance Sheet as 'Receivable from Defence Fund'.
6. **Unit Reports**
 - (a) **CJOH (CTV Ottawa)** -
 - (b) **DLR International** - Reported that contract bargaining has started and one meeting has been held to date. Also see President's Report.
 - (c) **Ottawa Citizen** - Debbie Cole reported that a joint Pay Equity meeting was held on Monday and that very little progress has been made. We will need the provincial review officer/facilitator to attend to assist with the process. Also see President's Report.
7. **New Business**
 - (a) Election of Secretary and one Member-a-Large:
M/ by Terry Garner to nominate Nancy Noel to the position of Secretary. S/ by Debbie Cole. ACCLAIMED/CARRIED.
Members were advised there is still one opening on the executive for a member-at-large. No

nominations.

(b) Election of Delegates – 2006 TNG Sector Conference and CWA Convention:

We are looking at sending two delegates to Las Vegas in July 2006.

M/ by Debbie Cole to nominate Lois Kirkup as a delegate. S/ by Tony Cote.

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ACCLAIMED/CARRIED.

(c) ONG Volunteer Work Day - The Union Mission - Saturday, April 8:

Tony Cote spoke about the upcoming Guild volunteer day at the Mission and the number of workers needed. He said it was a good idea for Guild members with high school students who need to complete their volunteer hours; parents and students can attend the work day together for a good cause. Please contact Tony Cote or Lois Kirkup if you can attend on April 8.

8. Adjournment

M/ by Gord Holder to adjourn at 12:32 p.m. S/ by Terry Garner. CARRIED.

9. Citizen Unit Meeting

No business requiring a meeting.

10. Adjournment

Membership was reminded about the BBQ at 5:30 p.m. on March 23 in support of striking Algonquin College staff (OPSEU Local 415) – info will be posted on Guild bulletin boards.