

CUPE Equality Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Stacy Delaney, CUPE PEI Liaison to the Equality Committee and National Childcare; Leo Cheverie, CUPE National Aboriginal Council; Elaine Fagan, CUPE National Disabilities Working Group; Dale McLure, National Pink Triangle Committee; Lori MacKay, CUPE National Women's Committee.

Absent: Chantell Gillis, CUPE National Young Workers; Mathew Zawadzji, CUPE National Global Justice Committee.

Equality Statement was read by Dale McClure

CUPE PEI Sign

-CUPE PEI Division would like to use the CUPE sign as much as possible. We would like to use the sign with dates that are important to equality seeking groups to get our message out. A committee of Division will look after the sign.

Aboriginal Council

-Leo made motion that he ask CUPE PEI to be support a Atlantic/Maritime Aboriginal Council as well as encourage other divisions to support it. Seconded by Lori MacKay, Motion carried.

Dec 3rd All Presidents Meeting

-Dec 3rd is National Day for persons with disabilities. We would like CUPE PEI to do a press release on the housing issues occurring on PEI for people with disabilities. Leo will work on this.

Resolutions from CUPE PEI-

-Resolution #5 Onsite childcare. We can borrow CUPE NB's supplies to help with the start up. Actions to be taken are to ask Maureen Michaud to send a memo to the locals to see what the interest is for the onsite childcare. To find out what CUPE PEI would be prepared to pay for the service. To find out how much it cost CUPE NB for their onsite childcare at their convention. To find out what locals are prepared to pay.

-Resolution #7 Lobby Government on affordable not for profit childcare. Actions to be taken. Send a letter to the editor on November 20th which is..... referencing the early childcare report was just released. The letter could talk about the loss of 5 year olds to the childcare centers, loss of funding, and the fragile Early childcare sector.

-Resolution #8 Pan-Canadian Childcare Program. Lori will ask the Federation of Labour to do a press release on November 20th.

-Resolution #9 Childcare expense policies. The work is on going.

-Resolution #15 Equality Bargaining Conference.

There was discussion around the CUPE Bargaining Equality Binder. The committee would like it included in the upcoming educational courses that deal with bargaining. The committee would still like to see a day long educational or conference in the fall of 2010 that deals exclusively with equality issues at the bargaining table.

December 6th Monument

- Lori reported that the December 6th Monument will be unveiled on December 6th at 1 pm at the Summerside Heritage Parks and Gardens, Summerside. Affiliates should have received a letter and map inviting them to the event.

CLC Postcard Campaign

The Dec 6th postcard campaign is underway. Everyone is asked to fill out a package of 20 postcards that will be sent to Stephen Harper starting on November 16th and go until December 6th. He will receive one postcard a day for 20 days. Each representing a year since the massacre.

Childcare campaign

- Stacy reported on a National Childcare event that is happening right now. She attended an event in New Brunswick.

Next Meeting

- December 2nd