**Thunder Bay & Northwestern ON Area Council**

**Minutes of the October 30, 2018**

5:30 pm Tony Crupi called the meeting to order

**Present:** Tony, Peter, Kevin (by phone), Rita, Michelle

**Staff:** Nancy, Sandra

**Regrets:**

Sheila Karasiewicz

**Agenda:**

Minutes: June 20th and August 15th

Follow-up: Port Arthur – so no follow up needed Kevin took some treats over to picket line. Kevin to submit receipts

Minutes approved. Both

**Labour Day follow up with Region**

Rita has old report. Tony and Rita will complete changes and updated. Sandra needs to be reimbursed. The Area Council will hopefully be reimbursed by Region. Due in November 30th due for report.

**Christmas meeting/party**

Date December 12th. Nancy to …Reach out to Local Presidents to get more involved. 5:30. Book Santa. Beef on a bun. Sandra will bring dessert.

**Remembrance Day**

Sheila @ the Mountain. Waverly Sandra. Gardens no one so far.

Buy up to 3 wreaths – up to $65 per wreath.

Motion Tony, Peter Seconded

**Treasurers update**:

The $3015.01 end of September. No outstanding cheques at the moment.

**Sandra’s report**
 Sandra November at Fall School

Nancy and Sandra assigned to PSAC ON Health and Safety conference in Mississauga

Office Holiday closure, December 25th and re-open January 2nd

Education agenda for the new year will be completed in early December

Mobilization lunch and learn in December. Sandra will do

CEIU local has new executive, Local President is Michelle Halabecki, Sandra would like to have them come here to chat

Next year federal election and area council will play a role

ONA on strike.

**Kevin**

TB bargaining hasn’t been well engaged. PSAC at the table. TB saying, they don’t have a mandate to bargain from the government. PSAC presented all the details. Very discouraging so far. Write MPs request that they negotiate our contract quickly and fairly. Individual letters needed

Sheila wants to do the Blanket Exercise through Area Council AGM. Waiting for approval RO.

Tony is the alternate to Jay Storkson on PSAC ON Council.

**Discussion of Port Arthur health clinic ongoing strike**

* Port Arthur Unifor 229 , 63 women on strike. Employer refusing to come to table. Suggestions on how NWO AC can support - Bring them lunch and join picket line / purchase presidents choice gift card/ ***Tony will send out an email motion***
* Currently 3459.51 in bank account.
* PC cards $200 plus join the picket time up to $250 plus Tim Horton’s coffee/ food
* Additionally, community effort on June 25th March in support of these workers
* Send email and faxes to the table to go back to the table/ Sandra can assist with faxing

**Labour Day planning**

* Proposal being done by Tony for submission to PSAC Ontario
* Nancy to follow up on casino type wheel to provide interactive engagement at our booth
* Sandra follow up on prizes total $500 for prizes and carnival game
* Ice cream purchasing tony/ will need to consider how to freeze?
* 60 boxes we will buy
* Tony will check with Sassy to rent portable freezer.
* Call out for student volunteers. Will receive Time and a half hours.

Summer bbq in Thunder Bay.

* Chat roadshow with Sandra/ Nancy as needed AC. Purpose - Hand out t shirts. Phoenix. Negotiations update. Sandra/Nancy to organize 4-5 BBQs.
* BBQ to buy. $350 up to tony to send out motion. $350 for food supplies. Total $700 up to.
* Tony to send out email motion. Tony and Kevin to make purchase.

**Bargaining team update from TC Table member -Kevin:**

* bargaining teams meeting 6 weeks ago to get started
* In May they met with TB exchanged demands
* Common issues committee each table elected 2 people they met with TB in June
* All tables meeting with TB in July, then likely Sept, Oct, Nov. This time shorter list of demands trying to solve before election call

**Sandra/ Nancy**

* Sandra is back from leave.
* Fall Sandra will host capacity development training with AC, Women’s, Aboriginal Circle and MDAC
* Likely to offer WSIB level 1 training in fall too.

Meeting adjourned 6:06

Minutes submitted by Rita Lemick