

Special Executive Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, 4 May 1976 - 5:30 P.M.

Nancy Wiggs, Chairperson

PRESENT: Frances Wasserlein, Treasurer; Judy Todhunter, Communications Committee; Jerry Andersen, Division B; Shirley Chan, Trustee; Neil Boucher, Division A; Nancy Wiggs, Vice-President; Fairleigh Funston, Union Organizer; Val Zuker, Division E; Margot Scherk, Division D; Pat Gibson, Observer; Melody Rudd, Observer; Ruth Allan, Division I (VGH)

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Jerry/Frances - That the agenda be adopted

Frances/Margot - That Provincial Strike fund be added as item 3 a) i)

Amendment carried

Agenda adopted as amended

Neil/Frances - That Melody Rudd be seated

Carried

2. Strike of H.E.U. workers at Vancouver General Hospital

Judy Todhunter gave a report about what should be considered essential services. This Executive has to set the policy so that our members at V.G.H. know what the position is. About 75 of our members went in to work today, and about 6 respected the picket lines. About 50% of Division I went to work at V.G.H. while we were on strike. Division I members all seem to feel that they are essential services. The L.R.B. cannot make a ruling on what is essential until they have something to rule on - i.e. a policy set by this Executive. Judy feels perhaps 3 or 4 people should be designated as essential, no more.

-Grant has accepted our letter re: Division I voting to bona fide the H.E.U. picket lines (Nancy)

-we have to come up with a policy before Division I members arrive in a few minutes.

Neil/Judy - Local 1 Executive at this time does not consider our members at V.G.H. as providing essential services unless and until the Labour Relations Board rules otherwise.

The intent of this motion is to have a position to present to Division I when they arrive.

Gerry called the question.

Carried unanimously

Frances brought up considering a dues assessment of \$2.00 for all our members to help pay strike pay to V.G.H. members while on strike - Nancy said this is unconstitutional.

Shirley mentioned that the more people we designate as essential, the longer the strike will last. The University is not allowed to ask A.U.C.E. members to do work of people on strike.

Provincial Strike Fund

Pat/Judy That Local 1 request the Provincial Executive to make available sufficient Provincial Strike Funds if necessary, for the purpose of paying interest

on loans obtained by Local 1 members affected by the H.E.U. strike at V.G.H.

The intent of this motion is that the Provincial is giving this money, not loaning.

Motion carried.

Ruth Allan arrived from V.G.H. and spoke about why they feel they are essential services. She feels if they are not there to answer telephones (particularly in Psychiatry), patients could go off the deep end. Neil said that our people are referral points only and do not resolve life and death situations. The Labour Relations Board would get an injunction if they thought it was necessary. It was suggested that Division I people contact their supervisors and/or doctors tonight to tell them they won't be in on Wednesday, thereby relieving themselves of the moral decision and placing it on management's shoulders where it belongs.

Discussion went on and there was no motion to reconsider the motion passed earlier re: our policy about essential services.

Sections of the Hospital closed?

Paediatrics has been moved across 10th Avenue by the supervisor to a non-picketed site.

Jerry/Val That we contact Grant to request clarification with regard to the strike at V.G.H. and why some people can be relocated i.e. Paediatrics, and why other people cannot. i.e. Psychiatry.

Carried

Special Membership Meeting

Judy/Frances That a special membership meeting be held Thursday, 6 May 1976 at 12:30 - 2:30, and that we charter a bus to bring Division I members to the meeting.

Carried

We have to request special membership meeting from Grant.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M.

Minutes recorded and typed by Margot Scherk

Memo to: All Executive Reps.
From: Nancy Wiggs, Vice-President
Date: 4 May 1976

Re: Special Executive Meeting, Tuesday, 11 May 1976

A quorum of the Executive has indicated to me their willingness to come to a Special Executive Meeting on Tuesday, 11 May 1976, so I am calling one. The purpose of this meeting would be to finish the agenda left uncompleted after the last meeting, and to deal with any emergency or other items.

Please make every effort to attend. Thanks.

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes of 28 April Meeting and Special Meeting of 4 May
3. Situation at VGH, and discussion of lessons to be learned from our handling of this situation.
4. Report on office telephones - Frances Wasserlein
5. Job Evaluation Committee Report - Raleen Nash
6. Sick Leave Committee Report - Lil Legault
7. University Housing Co-op
8. Grievance Committee report - Marcel Dionne
9. Provincial Report - Nancy Wiggs
10. Contract Committee Report - Margie Whalley
11. Strike Committee Report - Pat Gibson (?)
12. Trustee's Report (By-law revisions) - Robert Gayton
13. AUCE Local #1 as sponsor of Canada-Chile Support group
14. Attendance at membership meetings
15. Union organizer report (?)
16. Discussion of which Committee's Chairpersons sit on Executive, and how replacements are designated for these people - Nancy Wiggs
17. Other business.