

CUE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 1987

PRESENT: Adrien Kiernan (Chair); Alannah Anderson (rec); Edmund Kam;
Susan Zagar; Estelle Lebitschnig; Diana Ellis; Gloria Sveistrup;
Elizabeth Zook; Pamela Lundigran (obs.)

1. Organization of the Strike Vote Meeting - May 29, 1987

We need three people to do dues check-off and hand-out of ballots.

Dues Check-off: Susan Zagar, Gloria Sveistrup and Elizabeth Zuk

Ballot Box: Edmund Kam

Blackboards: Adrien Kiernan (Chair) and Diana Ellis (front table)
(to write questions and answers for people dropping
in later on. Mike Dummier (visiting speaker) and
Joe Denofreo (CUPE rep) will be in attendance.

There will be handouts of CLC booklets, the CUPE handout with regard
to Bill 19 and also 10 copies of Bill 19 for people who wish to read it.

(a) Are we going to recommend the vote? Estelle felt that it was a
personal decision. Pamela, Elizabeth and Edmund recommended that
the Executive recommend a yes. Diana Ellis wanted to wait and see
what retaliation we would receive from Personnel before we made a
recommendation. A. Anderson recommended that we vote yes as did
Susan Zager and Adrien Kiernan. Even though we are not in favour
of a one-day strike, we felt that we had to support the dissension
about Bill 19.

(b) Structure of May 29th. Meeting

Adrien outlined that there would be 45 minutes set aside for debate
and 3 minutes allowed per speaker. The meaning of "essential
service" was also discussed. J. Denofreo will discuss this after
the ballot is taken with Libby Mason. It is up to us to determine
who is under the umbrella of essential services. Our definition
is that when life and health are threatened with the absence of the
that person, they are considered an essential service.

Questions were raised about whether there would be disciplinary action
from Personnel and Joe Denofreo said that if this were so it would go
on the Bargaining Table. We are in an excellent position because we
are in negotiations at present. We must make this decision to recommend
that the membership vote yes because we are considerate of the impact of
Bill 19.

Jeff Rose has told us that the CUPE Defence Fund is there for our
assistance.

MOVED Zager/Anderson "that the Executive recommend that we vote yes to
support the June 1, 1987 Walkout Protest". CARRIED

3 - in favour

2 - abstentions (E. Lebitschnig and D. Ellis)

- (c) CUPE Strike Pay - CUPE strike pay is triggered after ten days of strike at \$70.00 per week.

MOVED Ellis/Kam "that we use the CUE Strike Fund to pay the membership."
DEFEATED

- (d) Response to the Strike Being Illegal

This type of strike would not have been illegal before 1983. After the Solidarity Protest, the Government enacted a law which made it illegal to strike in protest of any political action. The only way we can change a bad law is to defy a bad law.

- (e) Counting the Ballots

E. Zook, S. Zagar, E. Kam, G. Sveistrup, A. Anderson and A. Kiernan will be on hand to count the ballots after 3:00 p.m. and will ask CUE members to volunteer.

- (e) Stewards Meeting

The Stewards Meeting will be at 12:00 May 29, 1987 during which time they will be given instructions as to how we will handle the decision if the vote is yes. We will be notifying the CBC, CJOR, as to what plan of action we will have. We will have a recorded message on our telephone which the members can phone any day or night. Joe is having pickets printed and the Stewards will be told at this meeting how to distribute them and where we will be picketing and what to do. The consensus is that we must not cross picket lines - ours or others. This what we should tell the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.