

AUCE LOCAL ONE
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Report on the current legal position of the union - Fairleigh Wettig
3. Report on Picketing - Shelly McInnis
4. Report on Office Information Centre - Patricia House
5. Operation Solidarity - Ted Byrne
- CUPE position
6. Motion on our continued support as listed on Blue Sheet
7. Motion by Adrien Kiernan - on Blue Sheet
8. Motion by Patricia House re pay for AUCE volunteers as of November 14/83.

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MINUTE MINUTES

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CHAIR: Marcel Dionne

SECRETARY: Patricia House

1. Adoption of the agenda
Moved by Suzan Zagar Seconded by Judi Wolch
THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
The motion was CARRIED.
2. Report of the current legal position of the Union
+Fairleigh Wettig reported on the LRB hearing. The Union has not yet received the decision; but it was expected any time. The Union argued that AUCE (& all other groups on campus) were involved in a political protest and that this was an action outside the jurisdiction of the Labour Code. The University argued that it was an illegal strike. AUCE relied on the Charter of Rights (Section 2) and the previous decisions of the LRB with regard to protests (Victoria rally and AIB protests in 1976). The LRB hearing was extensive (18 hours long). All the Unions on campus were participating.
3. Picketing report -- Shelley McInnis
Shelley explained which gates we were covering and how the picketing was organized. Volunteers to assist would be welcomed. CUPE was covering at night so that women wouldn't be left doing the graveyard shifts.
4. Report on the Office Information Centre -- **Patricia House**
+All the campus unions have set up headquarters in the Luthern Centre.
+All were sharing equipment and had installed special phone lines which were covered 24hr per day
+A soup kitchen was operating round the clock as well making coffee and soup for picketers and taking it to them on the picket line.
+Volunteers to assist with the office and kitchen operations would also be welcomed.
+The co-operation of all the groups on campus has been unprecedented and quite wonderful to see in action. People have been bringing in food and money as well as others who have given of their time. AUCE has received some donations for the Strike Fund.
+As well as the Unions, the Faculty and Students have been using the Luthern Centre as a headquarters. The Legal Assistance people have set up an office too. All picketers from all unions are being organized from this site as well as students and faculty. The faculty have held a demonstration every day at the gates across from the Luthern Centre.
5. Operation Solidarity report -- Ted Byrne
+Ted gave a brief history of our involvement.
+BCGEU are trying to negotiate an exemption to Bill 3 and that is what the teachers are fighting for as well.
+This type of exemption would set a precedent for all public sector unions. It is what we are all fighting for.
+Fairleigh Wettig reminded everyone that BCGEU and OTEU are on a legal strike and there is no question of their picket lines being legal.
+The floor was then turned over to Mike Burke from CUPE 2278 (TAU) to explain their position and what they have been doing. He pointed out that AUCE's continued participation in this alliance of groups on campus was critical to its continuance.

+After Mike was finished speaking the floor was turned over to a representative of the faculty (Coalition of Concerned Academics). He reminded everyone that we were all in this together. If we lost this round, we still had not lost the war and we should continue our fight together.

Then a member of the Executive arrived and asked that the Executive caucus briefly. The meeting was recessed to accomodate this request.

When the meeting was reconvened, Marcel Dionne announced that we had just received the LRB decision. The LRB found that AUCE was on an illegal strike and ordered that AUCE pickets were to be withdrawn. The same was found with regard to the CUPE 116. The TAU was ordered to stop picketing but it was found that they were on a political protest. OTEU was found to be on a legal strike with legal pickets.

Therefore the Executive recommended

THAT THIS AUCE LOCAL 1 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO WORK UNLESS BCGEU AND OTEU HAVE PICKET LINES AROUND THE CAMPUS.

The floor was opened for questions.

Moved by John McAmmond

Seconded by Emerald Murphy

THAT AUCE LOCAL 1 REAFFIRM ITS LONG STANDING COMMITTMENT TO HONOR BONA FIDE PICKET LINES.

The motion was CARRIED.

Moved by Emerald Murphy

Seconded by Margie Wally

THAT AUCE LOCAL 1 DEFY THE INJUNCTION AND NOT RETURN TO WORK.

There was a heated and lengthy discussion. Emerald was asked if she wanted a secret ballot to be included in the motion. She responded no, however, she pointed out that someone else could make a procedural motion to that effect.

Moved by Shirley Dick

Seconded by Denise Field

THAT THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR GO TO SECRET BALLOT.

The motion was DEFEATED.

The question was called on the main motion. The motion was DEFEATED by an extremely close vote.

Moved by Emerald Murphy

Seconded by Judi Wolch

THAT ALL THE AUCE MEMBERS WHO SCABBED DURING THE RECENT PROTEST BE ASSESSED THEIR SALARIES FOR THE DAYS THEY CROSSED THE PICKET LINES AND THAT THAT MONEY BE PUT IN AUCE LOCAL 1 STRIKE FUND.

There were many speakers on both sides of the question.

Moved by Fairleigh Wettig
amendment

Accepted by Emerald Murphy as a friendly

THAT THE TERMS OF DISCIPLINE BE CHANGED TO BE....COMPELLED TO ATTEND EVERY UNION MEETING FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS....INSTEAD OF BEING ASSESSED THEIR SALARIES.

The Chair ruled this amendment out of order. The Chair was challenged. The Chair was upheld; the amendment was not allowed.

Heated discussion of the original motion continued. The question was finally called. The motion was CARRIED.

Moved by Heather Fink

Seconded by Fairleigh Wettig

THAT AUCE LOCAL 1 LAUNCH AN IMMEDIATE APPEAL OF THE LRB DECISION EITHER ALONE OR IN CONCERT WITH THE OTHER UNIONS.

The motion was CARRIED.

Katherine Ayres called for other members who were interested in continuing to support Solidarity to stay after the meeting adjourned to organize further action.

Moved by Judi Wolch

Seconded by Maureen Elliot

THAT AUCE LOCAL 1 RESCIND POINT 6 OF THE MOTION PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 15/83 BY THE MEMBERSHIP.....THE WORDING TO BE DROPPED "LAID OFF WORKERS, OR COMMUNITY GROUP WHICH OPPOSES ANY OF THE BUDGET LEGISLATION AS A BONA FIDE PICKET LINE."

The motion was CARRIED.

The balance of the agenda was tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.