

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 29, 2009**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Move adoption of previous minutes as per handout.

BUSINESS ARISING: None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS: All up to date

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORT / CLUB 200: Dave Crosswell

14th Annual Golf Tournament is coming soon we need sponsors so be creative out there and do your best as we all know its tough out there right now. We are looking at including all family members to the golf tournament.

People on S&A beyond four months apply for CPP disability or have them call me.

Thank everybody for coming out to the Protest taking on the McGuinty government. A special thanks to Tim Little and Gary Boissoneault and Jack Gibbons. There was a total of 120 busses with over 6,000 people on them and over 500 people drove themselves.

WOMANS COMMITTEE: No Report

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Pam Strong

Grease Tickets are still available, we still have plenty of Tiger tickets left if you know anybody that want to go please let them know or I will have to send some back. SWORC golf tournament is coming up soon so if interested please get your applications in. Looking for help for the Big Bike on June 5th.

RETIREEES: Jack Gibbons

On behalf of the retirees I would like to thank the membership and the Local. The retirees felt very proud to be part of Local 200 and are very motivated and are ready to do anything to help.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE: John Engleman

We had elections Anthony Pizzuto, recording secretary. Co Chair Darlene Costello and Chair John Engelman

Great turnout at the meeting lots of energy. We had a lot of discussions on our community and struggles.

Get involved in homelessness and poverty

Food can drive for U.H.C \ Downtown Mission

Supply our labor to habitat for humanity

EDUCATION: Auggie Menna
No Report

ENVIRONMENT: Pete Hayfield

Members of our committee travelled to the Toyota plant to hand out leaflets as well as attending local politicians offices. Also those who could take the time off work to attend the rally in Toronto.

Sat the 25th of April we had a morning tree planting at the new arena but it was cancelled do to the CUPE strike.

Sunday the 26th of April Earth Day was held are attendance was down more than likely due to the strike and the Chrysler ratification meeting.

Monday the 27th of April the committee people were at AV Graham school showing and helping the children plant trees

Tuesday the 28th of April the committee members attended the 5th annual state of the straight at the University of Windsor. This is a collection of progress reports by both Canadian and U.S government agencies like ERCA. They report on wild life, fishery, land management and any thing to do with the Detroit River and its water sheds environmental condition.

UNION AND POLITICS COMMITTEE: Paul Boyce

This Friday May 1st CUPE Locals 82 and 543 will be holding a May Day call to action rally at 2:00 pm at Dieppe Park. CUPE will be having busses coming in from Toronto, Kitchener, Guelph, St. Catharine's and Oshawa in support of our city workers. So if you are able to please come out and support the sisters and brothers of CUPE in there fight for a fair settlement from the city.

APPRENTICESHIP:

No Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mike Vince

On Roll: 1470 (includes 70 TPT's)

On Layoff: 996 Production

179 Trades

Total on Layoff – 1175

Chronology of a Crisis:

September 2008 – Lehman Brothers Collapses, World Financial System Teeters

October 2008 - March 2009 – North American Automobile Sales Collapse 50%, unsold vehicles pile up.

November 2008 – Big 3, UAW went to Washington, they get their butts whipped.

December 2008 – GM and Chrysler ran out of cash

Harper and McGuinty say Canada will play a proportional role for a proportional footprint (20%). Tony Clement demands CAW cuts also.

February 2009 – Restructuring plans in U.S.

March 8, 2009 – CAW, General Motors agreement ratified by 84%, keeps our costs in line with UAW (confirmed by General Motors)

March 15 – 17, 2009 – CAW bargains to get similar agreement with Chrysler, close but talks fell apart for no apparent reason.

March 30, 2009 - President Obama elected by workers drops the bomb:

- 1) Plans are rejected
- 2) Bankruptcy may be desirable
- 3) More cost cuts needed

April 10, 2009 – Threats from Clement/Lasorda/McGuinty frontal attack and they formed a pact.

April 24, 2009 – CAW – Chrysler reached a tentative agreement

Today's membership meeting we have about 60 -70 people here. We need to get more people out to meetings. We need 50 for a quorum according to by-laws.

We are continually hearing everything is rosy with Ford. Fords does not need cash. Only economist I trust is Jim Stanford with CAW National. We are about 9–10 months away from Ford putting hand out to ask for a bridge loan. NOT A BAIL OUT – A BRIDGE LOAN. Paid back with interest when everything gets worked out.

Indicators right now that Chrysler will announce Chapter 11 tomorrow in the US.

Canada - CCAA

Chrysler and CAW put this agreement together with Chrysler and FIAT and the government. If Chrysler claims bankruptcy then Canada's agreement will be ok. If they all keep their word. Chryslers bargaining made Ford look like boy scouts. We have highlights of Chrysler – US agreement and they have gutted the agreement.

Will talk about EEP going beyond 2012. Not once has Joe Hendricks ever talked about going back on EEP 5 Liter engine. But he has talked about Oakville and the "D" platform and it can be moved to Chicago. Don't forget where Barak Obama is from....Chicago. Brampton facility is idle in Newark with a brand new paint shop, who is from Newark...Joe Biden. When we landed the 5.0 liter engine instead of the 6.2, that was the best. Also we got Jimmy Chung in the Dyno Lab over at EEP, we can now go in and ask him what we are running and try to negotiate for that engine.

We need to position ourselves for a new product the SAARS rates stay down 10 months from now govt will not be handing out money. Ford goes to the gov't if their in trouble it will depend on the public if we get the money. Ford lost 1.4 billion last quarter. Supply chains are all intertwined so if they suppliers go bankrupt it would bring the car companies to there knees.

Our biggest concerns are the SAARS report we need to climb past the 12 million mark. We need to be competitive we have WEP that needs a product WAP and Essex Engine plant has 2\3 of the plant sitting idle. The top six companies lost vehicle sales. Will continue monthly reporting the SAARS numbers so people will get it in their head.

Mulally is painting a rosy picture and it is working. We are distancing ourselves and putting the message out to come to us to buy a car.

1989 - 1990 big recession took 3 -4 years to get out of it.

The CEO of North America Toyota is begging congress not to let anyone go bankrupts.

Edmunds reported 20% purchasing used vehicles.

Government needs to make scrapage laws, tax credits, and lift sales tax. Can't let government stop talking about Fair Trade.

In negotiations Chrysler had to listen to Fiat because they were the only ones interested in Chrysler. If we did not negotiate with them Chrysler would have liquidated.

I had 2 people leaving me anonymous messages. Please come and talk to me, let me explain, lets have a conversation.

I really want to thank everyone that went to Queen's Park. Bargaining Committee was reenergized it was a great turnout. I want to thank everybody that put this together in such a short time. We can't stop here we have to continue to go after our MP's and MPP's call and fax them.

Penske:

Newly elected

Chairperson: Joe Tremblay

Afternoon Shift: Chris Meloche

Midnight Shift: Joe Viona

Premiere Services Canada:

There is an outstanding issue with seniority.

WAP – We have grave concerns; need serious dialogue with Nemak to save jobs there. When announced EAP closing, WAP said we would have to sit and talk. They said they want \$21.00 - \$22.00 'all in costs, that is less than what Premiere makes.

EEP – has a benchmark best launch ever! Our trades are doing a great job on the Coyote 5 Liter.

Annex – No downtime scheduled

WEP – Going after Ford, moving forward after the Triton Engine.

CUPE city workers are on strike, it is a picket line! Not an information line! Don't cross the picket line. There fight is defined pensions just like our fight. The Mayor and Councilors should not be bargaining! Let the bargaining committee get back at the table! 10 – 15% of workers have defined pension plans, the Right would LOVE to take them away from us.

RESOLUTION: Retirees Chapter

Prostate Cancer

Support/Carried

RECCOMONDATIONS:

1) August Constitution convention

Support/Carried

2) Full delegation recreation committee

Support/Carried

3) Blues Fest support \$7,500.00

Support/Carried

5:39 PM – Mike reported that he just received an email that Fiat and Chrysler are to sign a partnership tomorrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Gary Shaw had another stroke, his left side is paralyzed.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Mike Vince - Gary Shaw is dealing with 2 plant closures (Casting and EAP). He is a very caring and giving person. He was to have a meeting with Dan Cassady and he took ill again. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Larry Pitre is in the Detroit Hospital.

Elzie Banks - April 4 & 5 there was a hockey tournament. Want to thank local 200 for hats and all their support. Lally Ford also donated 30 shirts to the tournament as well.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 P.M.