

**Local 1285, Unifor Retiree Chapter Meeting - Wednesday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ Union Hall, 23 Regan Road.**

Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. by Brother Hryhorchuk

One minute of silence was observed in memory of deceased Brothers & Sisters and their families who have passed away since our last meeting.

**Brother Hryhorchuk** thanked Retirees for coming to the Task Force meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Ontario Regional Director, Katha Fortier and former CAW President; Ken Lewenza spoke with a power point presentation from Bill Murnighan from the research department.

**Brother Rideout** spoke on Local events. Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> was standing room only! Brother Rideout also gave a rundown on how Local 1285 handle many items that smaller Locals do not have the resources and have to depend on the National Union. Many small Locals don't have retiree Chapters. At our Local all of the Executive Officers are from Chrysler Plant but the Executive Board is made up of Chairs from all of the units, big and small and get the same vote as the Chrysler Chair on local business. The Hall is rented out every weekend.

Ken & Katha gave a wonderful presentation and they will be travelling across Canada speaking to unionized workers about what they expect from their local Unions.

We are waiting until the National approves Brother Justin Minello to lead an organizing committee to try and get more work places unionized in Brampton and surrounding Communities. This committee will be paid 50% from the National & 50% from Local 1285. As the Local numbers grow we will have to look at adding extra support staff and Officers.

1285 is heavily involved in the community, whether through the Brampton Santa Claus Parade or the Knights Table for the less fortunate, St. Louise outreach centre, Canada Pavilion for Carabram, Brampton Beast Hockey Team etc. Brampton Beast tickets are part of the raffle draws at this meeting.

Our Union has Neutrality letter and if a Unifor supplier gets outbid that supplies parts to Chrysler, Ford or GM the unionized parts supplier gets to rebid.

Crosby Canada closed without any notice in January. Last July 2015 they celebrated 50 years of being in Brampton and have been a member of our local since that time. This was a total shock to all the workers. They came to work on January 28th and was escorted to their lockers by hired security to clean them out and then escorted off the property, what a slap in the face. The Local and National are working with the Company on in Lieu of layoff notice pay and Severance pay which the company as agreed to abide by the collective agreement.

Momentum Credit Union recently announced that they would be going "cashless" at the 37-480 Chrysler Drive, Brampton location. This means no cashiers and no ATM's, they will lay-off two staff and operate the site with only one staff member to do paper transactions only. We ask that you email or call Malcolm Stoffman, President and CEO of Momentum Credit Union and tell him that if he moves ahead with the plan to go "cashless", you will close your accounts and cease all business with Momentum. *Malcolm Stoffman can be reached at 1-905-527-9445 X5001 or 1-888-956-6636 X5001, email is [malcolm@momentumcu.ca](mailto:malcolm@momentumcu.ca)*

The Bargaining Committee at Chrysler is starting to meet and get set for September 2016 bargaining.

Full blown Tim Hortons coming to the Brampton plant without a drive through. Available to employees only.

Don't forget to tell your pharmacy to only charge 8% markup and a \$9.00 dispensing fee on your prescriptions or you will move your business to another pharmacy.

**50 / 50 draw** of \$130.00 won by Brother Gus Burden, who donated \$25.00 back to the Retiree Fund.

**M/S/C – meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**

*Minutes taken by Brother Don Kidd*

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