

UFCW Canada Local 1006A

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022 - 7 p.m.

Telephone Telephone Hall

President Wayne Hanley chaired the general meeting. Recorder Glacier Effs-Samuel hosted and began the meeting by welcoming members.

1. Members voted and approved the minutes of the last telephone town hall general meeting held January 18, 2022.
2. Members were informed that the minutes of this meeting will be posted for review on the local union's website and voted on for adoption at the next telephone town hall general membership meeting.
3. President Wayne Hanley updated members on the latest union news.
 - a. UFCW 1006A proudly welcomed more than 200 new members from a variety of sectors. These included Centre Educatif Clementine in Ottawa, Sessions Retail Cannabis in Timmins, Petsmart in Toronto, two Tokyo Smoke Retail Cannabis stores in Thunder Bay, two Plateau Retail Cannabis stores in Ottawa and Kintetsu in Brampton.
 - b. 1006A negotiating committees have achieved improvements for more than 1,000 members since the last town hall. No Frills negotiations are ongoing.
 - c. The union's Health and Safety Department held three interactive Zoom seminars, which were well-attended.
 - d. 1006A's WSIB department continues to make a difference. Recorder Effs-Samuel shared the testimonial of 1006A

- member Theresa, who worked at Loblaw and who was grateful for the union's help navigating the WSIB claims process.
- e. Pending public health guidelines, 1006A is planning to host our regular Stewards' Conference and resume fall Stewards' Training. We are also planning to take part in pride parade events around the province.
 - f. President Hanley commended the work of 1006A activists, who helped mark International Women's Day.
 - g. President Hanley spoke about the sixth wave and the importance of masking in indoor spaces. He noted that Public Health Ontario and Ontario's Chief Medical Officer have emphasized the need for masking. President Hanley encouraged members to get their booster shots to protect themselves, their loved ones and their co-workers.
4. Ontario NDP Deputy Leader Sara Singh was the guest speaker for the town hall and discussed key issues that concern workers and their families in advance of the upcoming provincial election.
- a. Sara spoke about NDP's role in advocating for workers' rights, including the party's advocacy for 10 paid sick days for all workers and for increases to the minimum wage.
 - b. Sara spoke about the worries among Ontarians about the increasing privatization of health care and education and expected cuts under the Ford government. She explained that this would widen the gap between the 'haves' and 'have-nots.'
 - c. Sara spoke about the tragedy of 4,000 seniors, staff and people with intellectual disabilities losing their lives during the pandemic. She spoke about the failures of the privatization of long-term care homes by previous governments. Sara spoke about the NDP's advocacy to transform the long-term care system.
 - d. Sara also spoke about housing affordability and the pressure that is being put on homeowners and renters.

- e. President Hanley and Recorder Effs-Samuel encouraged members to learn about the MPP candidates in their riding and where they stand on the issues. Most importantly, they encouraged all members to vote.
5. Membership Contest - members were given the opportunity to enter a draw for a tablet computer. The winner was posted on www.ufcw1006a.ca (Brandon Canto from Maple Grove DC).
6. Questions and comments about specific workplace issues were all forwarded to the appropriate union representative for follow up.

7:45 PM - Meeting Adjourned

A full transcription and recording of the meeting are available to members online at www.ufcw1006a.ca