

CEP – Local 52-A – Edmonton Catholic Support Staff Association

General Meeting – February 21

We would first like to thank all those who attended our General Meeting on February 21. The turnout was terrific and as usual, the input, ideas suggestions and questions from our members will greatly assist us in our future discussions.

There were several important items brought to this meeting and we would like to pass along the results for those who could not attend, or had to leave a bit early.

First, we asked our members to approve appointments that were made to the Executive. In the past year we have had to appoint Executive members as we have not had quorum at meetings to hold an election. Our By-Laws provide that this can be done providing that the members approve these appointments at the next general meeting. The following appointments were approved: Cheryl Andrews as Secretary until June 30, 2007; Danny Burrel as Vice-President until June 2008 and Janice Bowman as Treasurer until June 2008.

Our members also voted on a proposal to have a \$1.00 per month deduction from their pay to support the CEP Humanity Fund. Of the 179 members present, 128 voted in favor of this proposal. We will be arranging with the District to have this deduction start in September 2007. We thank you so much for your generosity and support of this important social justice fund.

There were two By-Law changes that were also proposed. The first concerned quorum for our meetings. Presently, our By-Laws state that quorum for meeting must be 10% of our members. The membership approved a change that would now hold quorum at 5% of active members.

We also held a secret ballot vote on a change to our dues structure. At times, CEP, implements a temporary dues increase to build up the Defense (strike) Fund. Wherever possible, we would prefer to absorb this temporary increase rather than pass it on to our members. At the present time our By-Laws do not allow this. The change that was approved by our members states the following:

When the National Union implements a temporary per capita dues increase, the Local Executive, with the approval of the Board of Directors, and after consideration of the Local's financial position, may choose to absorb the total, or any portion, of this temporary per capita increase, rather than increasing Local dues to the membership.

As with any By-Law change, this must be presented to our National Union for their approval, before it becomes part of our By-Laws. Once we have the approval from the National, our By-laws will be changed to reflect the change to quorum as well as the change to the dues structure.

If you have any questions regarding the information above, please contact the ECSSA office.

