



LONDON CHAPTER

**London Chapter Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2011 7PM - 9PM
Carson Branch Library 465 Quebec Street (at Dufferin)
Minutes**

1. Introductions by Attendees: George Crowell, Geoff Crealock, Robert (Rory) Cory, Nick Bassel, David Heap, Rod Morley, Jean Johnston, Jason Quigley, Don McLeod (Facilitator)
2. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2011 - Unanimous
3. Monthly meeting space:
 - Central London Public Library will no longer provide Council of Canadians a free meeting room.
 - Our meeting place will be at Carson Branch Public Library where there is lots of free parking behind the library. The Cherryhill bus stops across the street from the library.
4. Matters arising from March 8, 2011 minutes
 - a. Secretary required for Chapter - unfilled. Jean Johnston volunteered for this meeting.
 - b. Communications & Media Director - unfilled
 - c. Video of Water presentation at City Hall – Status - OPEN
 - d. Directory of other organizations meeting dates – Status – Open
 - e. Web site report - Rory (Robert) Cory, Webmaster
Rory is continuing to keep the calendar, Face book page, Twitter and blog up-to-date.

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The all-candidates meetings Rory is aware of are listed on the calendar.
Thanks Rory!!
5. Treasurer's Report - Nick Bassel
 - a. Nick has ordered cheques from The Bank of Montreal
 - b. Current bank balance - \$100.70
 - c. Revenues & Expenses - Don has approximately \$400.00 in receipts which he is holding until we get some money. We should consider fund raising activities to finance our projects.

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d. When new members join, the chapter gets that money plus \$5.00.

Welcome to new member Jason Quigley!!!

6. Don said that he had received 80 files from John Pope, Chapter Founder & Past President, from 2000 - 2004. Don said he spent 2 ½ hours with Bob Porter, Past Treasurer & Past President. Bob had sent copies of financials to Stuart Trew, CoC Ottawa. Cory Morningstar, Immediate Past President, has said that she sent all papers regarding finances & Chapter Admin to Mark Calzavara about a year ago – spring 2010. Don has requested that all London Chapter records be returned to us.

The Council of Canadians is stating that the London Chapter had been dormant prior to November 2010. CoC Chapters receive an annual \$400.00 in July for admin & operational projects. New CoC Chapters receive \$350.00 to start up. Due diligence to research and prepare Chapter financials and history remains as an OPEN item.

7. Old business

- a. Bottled water issue: Jay Stanford 's report outstanding.
- b. World Water Day March 22nd film "Burning Water" shown with 14 people present. Sixty dollars of snacks were ordered & were made complimentary of Sonita Bird of The Black Shire. Cash donations were taken. Discussion regarding honourariums for loan of AV Equipment & Hosting event with food was discussed and approved. Don to take care of & add to Chapter expenses.
- c. Cinema Politica film "Water On the Table" featuring Maude Barlow was shown March 28th in the Wolf Theatre. Approximately 50 people attended. Short discussion following. London Chapter had a display table and Don gave a brief overview of CoC and the London Chapter before the film.
- d. Toronto Chapter Water Forum Sunday, March 20th Elaine Mahon attended - report to follow.
- e. David Heap reported that Harper visited London April 1st. There were mostly Diamond Jet employee protesters with some War Resisters
- f. Feedback on Chapter to Council of Canadians "Gaps" – Don e-mailed Mark Calzavara at 11:50 p.m. and Mark responded at 1:15 a.m.

Mark Calzavara responses were read and discussed. Please see attached

- To get daily CoC updates sign up for "ActivList" on CoC web site page: <http://www.canadians.org/stayinformed.html>
- Council of Canadians' issues "too passive" – see CoC web site actions
- We need greater contact with students – UWO and Fanshawe Reps were at March 22 film event
- Need to get the London Chapter back on its feet – admin and most Chapter positions filled – we have a desperate financial need for operational funding

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8. New Business

- a. Federal election Monday, May 2nd
All Candidates meetings are listed on our Chapter's website: "Calendar of Events"
April 18 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. All Candidates meeting at Seniors Centre on Riverside.
April 20 7 p.m. London Health Coalition's All Candidates meeting at Lamplighter.
- b. King's College events - trespassing without parking tickets
- c. Rory spoke on issues against Harper
- d. We now have the resources we need for the display tables.
- e. London Clean and Green April 12 - 21st: Council of Canadians' table to be manned on April 21st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Walkway between Wolf Theatre and Central Library
- f. Feedback around the room instead of breakout into focus groups:

Brief Recess

- g. King's College, Western and Fanshawe all observed World Water Day on March 22nd
- h. Nuclear containers to be shipped down Great Lakes
- i. If the London Chapter hosted an All Candidates meeting we could get \$250.00
- j. For Maude Barlow's Town Hall meeting in February 20,000 people listened in.
- k. Health Care - Organize web link
- l. September 21st International Day of Peace Program Council of Canadians with London Public Library – Don working with CoC to get a speaker
- m. Elizabeth May debate on Vancouver Sun website: vancouver.sun.com
- n. Vote for the Canada You Want – CoC web site and email article
- o. CBC video links cover election
- p. Daily Active List from Council of Canadians - Lots of excellent information on www.canadians.org (see item 7f)
- q. How many members of Council of Canadians on City Council? We should send CoC information package and membership invitation to join to Councillors

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10. Other business

- a. September 29th "Happiness of Economy" film with London Public Library
- b. Presentation by George Crowell: Call for Renaissance of the Bank of Canada
For preliminary information for discussion, please see www.comer.org
George suggested reading the books called Meltdown

Woodrow Wilson created the Federal Reserve in 1913.

Continental www.webofdebt.com with Ellen Brown, North Dakota

Motion to support BoC Renaissance: Vancouver & Windsor passed motion,
Don to check with National Board of Council of Canadians re status

Rory will check the bylaws and Don will check Chapter Guidebook to see how
we can promote the issue through CoC

Next meetings: May 10 at 7 p.m. Carson Library
 June 10 at 7 p.m. Carson Library

Annual General Meeting will be held in the fall

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Submitted by
Jean Johnston