**March 2015 Meeting Summary:**

Our monthly General Meeting was held on ***March 14, 2015*** with sixteen members in attendance, plusour national rep Aneen Albus. Minutes from the previous meeting and treasurer’s report were given and adopted as read.

**President Sharon Stolz** reported that the school visits were going very well with a positive/comfortable atmosphere and that *Unite for Fairness* has been well received. She reported attending the National Human Rights Conference in Winnipeg and that the conference was well done. Winnipeg is the number one cultural spot in Canada. Sharon and Jake attended the All Presidents meeting in Calgary recently. Healthcare and Education are looking at government cuts, and the push is on for privatization in the municipal sector.

The retirement function was discussed and the Table Officers will begin their work to prepare and get the evening ready for our seventeen retirees.

The ***Wellness Committee*** reported they looked after five employees, since the last meeting, with fruit baskets or donations depending on the desire of the member.

We had several Executive Recommendations that were presented and passed:

1. The Local will support interested members to attend the Southern Alberta District Council (SADC) Spring School in Medicine Hat for courses from the Steward Learning series.
2. The Local will purchase fifty more James Marshall prints to be used for retiree gifts. With the growing number of retirees, our local wants to keep a supply on hand.
3. The Executive recommended not sending anyone to the Week-long school in Red Deer this year due to our upcoming contract negotiations.
4. We will spend up to $1000 on door prizes and raffle items for this year’s retirement. Tickets will be sold on the raffle items, plus the sale of 50/50 tickets to benefit our ***CUPE Brings a Child a Smile*** initiative.

The next meeting will be held ***April 25, 2015 at Alexandra Middle*** ***School.*** This is just a brief summary of the business handled at our meeting. Any financial information cannot be posted but you can contact your shop steward for more information if required. If there is any ***discrepancy*** between this report and the actual minutes from the meeting, the actual minutes will overrule.

President Sharon Stolz