

Minutes from June 5 meeting, Tompkins-Cortland Labor Coalition, 7:30 p.m.,
at Tompkins-Cortland Community College.

Meeting called to order 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jim Morrisette. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The speaker was labor attorney Tony Gaenslen, addressing the current anti-union climate of the country. Discussion was then opened concerning the slate of officers presented by the steering committee, which was approved by the body. Suggestions were then given for the Coalition's organizing drive, including the drafting of a statement of purpose for the group, person-to-person contacts through telephone calls, and guest appearances at local union meetings. Negotiation updates included reports from the Building Trades, Franklin printing, and from machinists at Morse Chain, which is contemplating closing its Power Electronics plant, with a concurrent loss of some 150 jobs. This prompted a discussion of what our organization might do about the problem of runaway shops. It was decided that a piece of legislation aimed at stopping runaway shops should be drafted for submission to the City of Ithaca. Mike Cohen spoke on the recent labor troubles in the British mining industry. A Political Action Committee was formed consisting of Kurt Edelman, Charlie French, Pat Crandall, Peter VanderLinde, Cynthia Miller, and a representative from the Unemployed Council. The Labor Day Picnic Committee will be comprised of Kay Aletras, Michael Cohen, Skye Milliman, and players to be named later from the UAW and the ITA. Tickets for the raffle will be available at the next general meeting, to be held July 11 at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall in Ithaca.

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