

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President, Jennifer Christensen and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused were Terry Hoffmann, Terry McMullen, Adam Evenstad & Scotty Rotter. Absent and unexcused was Melissa Zambrano.

The actions of the March 2019 Executive Board meetings were ratified.

The minutes of the March 2019 Executive Board meeting were distributed. Abraham Wangnoo made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; Jake Lepak seconded; motion passed.

The Audit Committee met prior to the Executive Board meeting wherein they reviewed income, expenditures, bank statements, credit card receipts, expenses of staff and made a recommendation to the Board to approve. Kim Levens made a motion to recommend approval to the executive board; Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

### **Actions Needed**

We received a sponsorship request from New Brookwood Labor College. Rosetta Gerding made a motion to table. Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

We received a donation request of brats and hot dogs for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota State Retiree Council Fundraiser. Jim Gleb made a motion to donate \$200.00. Jake Lepak seconded; motion passed.

We received a donation request from the MN AFL-CIO East Central Area Labor Council for the Benton County Fair & Picnic. Tony Susnik made a motion to donate \$100.00. John Trauba seconded; motion passed.

We received a sponsorship request from the Kaposia Days Board of Directors. Jim Gleb made a motion to pay \$1500.00 for the Platinum Level. Nate Noel seconded; motion passed.

We received a sponsorship request from Guide Dogs of America for the "Rides for Guides" event. Bob Klingner made a motion to table. Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

The UFCW Minority Coalition is requesting support. Jeanine Owusu made a motion to donate up to \$250.00/10 members. Jim Gleb seconded; motion passed.

Dean Nelson made a motion to approve \$529.75 for Tom Cvar's retirement gift. Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

Scotty Rotter made a motion to approve the Auto Owners Insurance policy pertaining to flood insurance. Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

Bob Klingner made a motion to table the Duluth AFL-CIO donation request for their 2019 Labor Day picnic. Terry McMullen seconded; motion passed.

The St. Paul Regional Labor Federation sent a sponsorship request for their New Brookwood Labor College launch party. Dean Nelson made a motion to table until the next meeting to get more information from Mike Dreyer. Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

Dean Nelson made a motion to pay \$34.10 to The Union Herald, Inc. for services rendered. Scotty Rotter seconded; motion passed.

We received a quote from VIPRE for protection renewal in the amount of \$880.00. Abe Wangnoo made a motion to pay. Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

We received a support agreement from Electric Citizen in the amount of \$9600.00. Scotty Rotter made a motion to pay. Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

We received a quote of \$109.80 from The Labor World Newspaper, Inc. for their Memorial Day ad. Jake Lepak made a motion to pay. Jim Gleb seconded; motion passed.

Mike Dreyer requested \$300 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Fair. Dean Nelson made a motion to pay. Terry McMullen seconded; motion passed.

### **New Business**

We received Thank You(s) from Al Priolo family, Beverly Clarkin family and Mieke Grand Graser.

AFL-CIO Community Services – assist in identifying union members, workers or fallen military members who have died in the past year as a result of job related accidents or conditions.

Bernie Hess gave a legislative update (see attached).

### **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Owusu  
Recording Secretary

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Bernie Legislative Update

The 1<sup>st</sup> deadline at the State Capitol for bills that are going to move happen today.

The Governor has a \$48 million budget. People on MN Care could be affected as the GOP wants MN Care to go away.

LTC \$68 million cut from value based system. We want to direct money away from management and to the workers who do all the hard work.

Electronic monitoring of residents in assisted living and LTC has a bill to protect our members. This particular type of monitoring sees everything you do.

#### Cannabis Bill

This will be heard again for medical cannabis and recreational. There is a hemp bill we want to see the oil extractions from hemp. We want these to be Union facilities. If you carry oils and medical over state lines, you could be charged with a felony.

Bills to be heard at the Capitol:

Elder Abuse: we are the only state that does not license assisted living.

Packing House Workers Bill: Employees are trained in their own language for safety reasons either person to person or through written materials in the employee's language.

Paid Family Leave: This would guarantee 12 weeks of paid leave. There is money in the Governor's budget for this.

Wage Theft Bill: Minnesota residents are victims of wage theft every year. This happens more than people know. Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) – where does all the money go? Cut wasteful spending. Improve care quality. Contain cost.