

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President Jennifer Christensen and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused were Judy Hill and Mark McMahon.

The actions of the April 2017 Executive Board meeting were ratified.

The minutes of the April 2017 Executive Board meeting were distributed. Dean Nelson made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

Expenditures of the most recent reports of income, expenses and check registers as printed were approved. Dean Nelson made a motion to recommend approval to the executive board; Bob Jordan seconded; Motion passed.

Actions Needed

We received an invoice from Miller, O'Brien, Jensen for \$1231.41 for services rendered. Lauri Anderson made a motion to pay, Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

We received an invoice from Andrew & Bransky for \$1083 for services rendered. Lauri Anderson made a motion to pay, Gary Morgan seconded; motion passed.

Dean Nelson made a motion for the Labor World Workers 121st Anniversary ad of \$106.20. Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

Gary Morgan made a motion to approve \$1000 for the upcoming MN-AFLCIO State Fair sponsorship. Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

Bob Klingner made a motion to approve \$1000 for the Duluth Labor Temple Association electronic message board and lights. James Westin seconded; motion passed.

The UFCW OUTReach, 2017 Pride Festival request has been tabled until next year.

Bob Jordan made a motion to approve \$250 for the Jewish Social Justice Calendar/sponsorship/advertisement. Rose Gerding seconded; motion passed.

Dean Nelson made a motion to approve a \$75 donation to the City of South St. Paul National Child Safety Council. Jim Gleb seconded; motion passed.

The UFCW United Latinos 2017 conference registration/Ad sponsorship has been tabled to a later date.

Todd Gustafson made a motion to approve up to \$300 for the Duluth AFL-CIO Central Labor Body 2017 Labor Day Picnic. James Westin seconded; motion passed.

Gary Morgan made a motion to approve \$725 for the Kaposia Days parade to cover registration, decorations and candy. Christine Spurlin seconded; motion passed.

Bob Klingner made a motion to purchase 17 plus tables at \$210 each for Union hall events. Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

Dean Nelson made a motion to purchases beverages and appetizers for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Jake Lepak seconded; motion passed.

Todd Gustafson made a motion to approve \$500 for the Medical Cannabis conference in Rochester, MN. Adam Evenstad seconded; motion passed.

James Westin made a motion to approve up to \$250 for the Trap Shoot Tournament. Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

James Westin made a motion to approve 1/3 of the \$50,000 pro-rated cost for the HyVee worker to worker program. Kim Madigan seconded; motion passed.

New Business

Hardman Avenue Workers' Center

Minnesota Cannabis Conference to be held in Rochester, MN will focus on all of the different uses for Medical cannabis. There are legislative bills that are toxic to the cannabis industry. Governor Dayton has vetoed these bills. There are two groups that grow medical cannabis. Bachmans and MN Med who has about 67% of the medical cannabis industry. Both groups are faced with getting their license renewed.

HyVee stores in Minnesota: We would like to start a new program run by UFCW that focuses on all the HyVee stores that are not organized. David from the International is looking into the ESOP plan (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). The proposal is to hire someone to door knock to get good stories. We would also like to partner with Working America.

Old Business

HyVee organizing campaign

Thank you cards were received from:

- a. Cooper Quoibia
- b. MN AFL-CIO State Retiree Council

Miscellaneous Information

Values Exercise

Make an effort to have one-on-one conversations with the members. Find their strengths and interests, they may make a good steward, organizer or political person.

How do we accomplish this?

What would you like to do in your Union?

Would you like to be a part of a sub-committee?

Committees

Organizing: See Abe Wangnoo

Building Fund: See Bob Klingner

Strategic Planning: This will be a standing agenda item. Anyone interested in this committee can show up Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Duluth office. We will skype or conference call the Southern Division office.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Owusu
Recording Secretary

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