

General Membership Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Jennifer Christensen and a quorum was declared.

The minutes of the April 2017 general membership meeting were distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed.

The minutes of the April 2017 Executive Board meeting were distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- Cooper Quobia
- MN AFL-CIO State Retiree Council

Department Reports

Organizing: Newly organized and upcoming elections for Caledonia Long Term Care and Comforcare of Austin, MN will be held on June 1, 2017. New organizing includes Whole Foods Coop of Duluth, Wedge IT Group and Spectrum Health.

The grand opening of the Hardman Avenue Workers' Center will be June 8, 2017. Open house will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for people to become citizens. This is also a good opportunity for organizing. We are hoping at some point to partner with other worker centers.

Nursing Homes: The Long Term Care task force is looking for members to be a part of the task force. Nursing homes are still operating on the 2015 budget. They will not see any additional money until January 2018. Wisconsin homes are having staffing problems due to the wage increases in Minnesota so Wisconsin has increased their wages to be competitive with Minnesota. River Falls Long Term Care has proposed to increase the wage scales by \$1.06 per hour for nursing.

Political: Director of Special Projects, Bernie Hess, reported the last day of session at the Capitol is Monday, May 22, 2017. Governor Dayton has vetoed many bills due to the cuts that are in the bills. The Health and Human Services bill was vetoed. This bill would have delayed payments to nursing homes & eliminate MN Sure which is a program that assists our members in signing up for health care insurance. The bill also has a lot of bad language for medical cannabis. These are our members. Per Bernie Hess, there were 2700 bills introduced this session which is the most he has ever seen.

There are a lot of anti-worker bills. Call and e-mail your State Senator. They need to hear from you. Your e-mail cannot be used for campaign purposes. If they do not hear from their constituents, they go with whatever.

Officer's Reports

President Christensen reported the Local is looking at a membership engagement program. MAPE has done a similar program with great success. UFCW 1189 will reach out to MAPE for information on their engagement program.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society spoke at the Executive Board meeting. They reached out to UFCW 1189 to sponsor a "Light the Night" walk. They will provide fund raiser packages so we can reach out to our members and others with a face to face ask. We will also reach out to our employers to sponsor a point of sale program.

Secretary-Treasurer Jim Gleb gave the preliminary financial report ending April 30, 2017 unaudited financials for the year as follows:

Checking/Savings	\$611,821.41	
Building Corporation	\$282,425.01	
Total Property and Equipment after depreciation	\$46,043.14	
Investments at Wells Fargo	\$430,886.25	
Total Assets	\$1,371,175.81	
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Total Revenue	\$359,090.63	\$1,473,157.08
Total Expenses	\$337,006.20	\$1,374,924.75
Net Income	\$22,084.43	\$98,232.33

Good and Welfare/Community Service/Member Events

- Kaposia Days parade, June 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- Trap Shoot, June 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- Southern Member Appreciation Picnic, July 19, 2017
- State Fair, August 24 – September 4 – Sign up to work the UFCW booth

Al Finnegan passed away. He was an active UFCW member who was arrested while picketing the Iowa Pork Plant here in South St. Paul. Pete Winkel has also passed away. He was a very active member during his time with the Union. May they both rest in peace. Solidarity to our Union brothers.

Please visit ufcw/value.org for discounts on many products and services available to UFCW members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Union Representative

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