

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared.

The actions of the March 16, 2016 Executive Board meeting were ratified.

The minutes of the March Executive Board meeting were distributed. Gary Morgan made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; Judy Hill seconded and the motion passed.

Expenditures of the most recent reports of income, expenditures and check register as printed were approved. Bruce Bergh made a motion to approve the expenditures of the most recent report of income/expenditures and check register as printed; Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

Correspondence and Appeals

Thank You cards received from:

- Joyce Berglund (retirement gift)
- Joe Van Dusartz (sympathy card)
- John Yetzer (retirement pen set)
- MN State Retiree Council (donation)

Actions Needed

We received an invoice from Miller, O'Brien, Jensen for \$79.50 for services rendered. Dennis McMahon made a motion to pay, Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

We received an invoice from Andrew & Bransky for \$2670.50 for services rendered. James Westin made a motion to pay, Tony Susnik seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Legacy for \$10,000 for services rendered. Dean Nelson made a motion to pay, Gary Morgan seconded; motion passed.

Bob Jordan made a motion to pay for a new awning for the building, Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

Gary Morgan made a motion to pay up to \$600 in ads in the Union Advocate. Jennifer Christensen will decide various sizes and which issues to put them in. Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

James Westin made a motion to send up to 8 members at \$125 plus lost time and a commitment to volunteer on a program to the AFL-CIO Strategic Campaign Research Training. Adam Evenstad seconded, motion passed.

Bob Jordan made a motion to purchase up to \$200 for raised garden beds for Local 1189's Southern Division, March McMahon seconded; motion passed.

Adam Evenstad made a motion to do the Leukemia/Lymphoma Light the Night fundraiser as our community action and support the UFCW charity of choice. Terry Hoffmann seconded; motion passed.

Miscellaneous Information

May Steward Training – advanced grievance handling will be held on May 12, 2016 1-5pm.

Discussion held regarding Executive Board Member Training and setting up additional training.

American Income Life gave a presentation regarding the programs they offer to Union members.

Jennifer Christensen nominated Bob Klingner as the designated meat chair, Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

Dean Nelson nominated Duane “Chopper” Geske as a life time member, Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

The Board authorized 54,000 bags – 39,000 going to Oakdale area, 12,000 going to Wilmar area, and 1,000 going to Granite Falls area, for the National Letter Carrier Fundraiser.

Old Business

With Duane “Chopper” Geske’s retirement, we have an executive board seat open that needs to be filled. Interested members should submit their letter of interest to President Seaquist by 5/1/16.

New Business

Discussion of Don Seaquist’s retirement party/meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 18. Join us for refreshments at 6pm, followed by a short meeting at 6:30pm. Stop by any time to share a few words about Don during this evening of solidarity and celebration.

Don Seaquist is retiring on May 27, 2016. An election for President, Secretary Treasurer, and Recording Secretary needs to be held. Gary Morgan made a motion to move the June executive board meeting to June 29, 2016, Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

Reports

Special Projects Director, Bernie Hesse gave a report on the current legislative session and the bills being introduced.

Organizing Director, Abe Wangnoo gave a report on the successful organizing campaigns achieved over the past year and new organizing projects currently being pursued, including a project with Working America on Super America locations.

Discussion was held on current status of retail negotiations in both divisions.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gleb
Recording Secretary

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