

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: July 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused were Terry Hoffmann and Dennis Reeves. Absent and not excused were Lauri Anderson and Kim Madigan.

The actions of the June 18, 2014 Executive Board meeting were ratified.

The minutes of the June Executive Board meeting were distributed. Bob Klingner made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; Judy Hill seconded and the 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. Bob Klingner made a motion to accept the audit committee's recommendation, Dennis McMahon seconded; motion carried.

Correspondence and Appeals

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- St. Paul Regional Labor Federation (Labor Bowl donation)
- Duluth School Patrol (donation)

Actions Needed

We received a bill from Miller, O'Brien, Jensen for \$2144.34 for services rendered. Bob Klingner made a motion to pay, Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Andrew & Bransky for \$1119 for services rendered. Joyce Berglund made a motion to pay, Todd Gustafson seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Arbitrator Mario Bognanno for \$312.50 for services rendered. James Gleb made a motion to pay, Dean Nelson seconded; motion carried.

Bob Klingner made a motion to pay the additional expenses of \$128.20 for the recent Kaposia Days parade. Judy Hill seconded the motion; motion passed.

Todd Gustafson made a motion to send \$250 donation to the Iron Range Labor Assembly Labor Day picnic fund. Tony Susnik seconded the motion; motion passed.

Bob Klingner made a motion to donate \$100 to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad. Bruce Bergh seconded the motion; motion passed.

Duane Geske made a motion to pay up to \$4000 for the MN State Fair labor pavilion expense contribution and state fair tickets for members to volunteer at the Local 1189 booth. Dennis McMahon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Alycia Hughes made a motion to donate \$300 to the Carlton County Labor Day Old Timers Banquet. Dean Nelson seconded the motion; motion passed.

Duane Geske made a motion to approve up to \$325 in expenses for the Duluth-Superior GLBT Pride booth for Local 1189. Bob Klingner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Duane Geske made a motion to spend \$1000 in grocer gift cards for our laid-off members at Dakota Premium and Rainbow. Bob Klingner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Miscellaneous Information

President Don Seaquist introduced Local 1189's new Director/Organizing, Abraham Wangnoo. Abe comes with a strong union organizing background and Local 1189 is lucky to have him on board.

Old Business

Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse gave an update on medical cannabis legislation and the merit-based application system. The first meeting for this system will be held prior to August 1, 2014. UFCW is looked at as an asset.

New Business

A victory reception will be held on August 1, 2014 at the Wilder Center for the Raise the Wage campaign.

Local 1189 screened two candidates for MN state auditor. Jim Gleb made a motion to endorse Rebecca Otto for State Auditor. Dean Nelson seconded the motion; motion passed.

Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse provided information for upcoming training for Union members for the 2014 election season.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Gleb
Recording Secretary
UFCW Local 1189

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