

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused were Betty Bannerman-Thompson, Judy Hill and Connie Salakka.

The actions of the July 16, 2014 Executive Board meeting were ratified.

The minutes of the July Executive Board meeting were distributed. Lauri Anderson made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; James Westin 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. Dennis Reeves made a motion to accept the audit committee's recommendation, Todd Gustafson seconded; motion carried.

Correspondence and Appeals

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- St. Louis County Rescue Squad (donation)

Actions Needed

We received a bill from Miller, O'Brien, Jensen for \$2647.72 for services rendered. James Westin made a motion to pay, Duane Geske seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Miller, O'Brien, Jensen for \$619.22 for services rendered. Bruce Bergh made a motion to pay, Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Andrew & Bransky for \$5855.80 for services rendered. Gary Morgan made a motion to pay, Joyce Berglund seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Jablonski-Madill for \$1265 for services rendered. Dennis Reeves made a motion to pay, Bruce Bergh seconded; motion carried.

Jennifer Christensen made a motion that up to five retirees attend the MN AFL-CIO State Retiree Council Convention and Local 1189 will pay \$25 per person for registration. Dean Nelson seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jim Gleb made a motion to donate \$50 to the Duluth Central Labor Body for the James Oberstar documentary and view it when completed. Bob Klinger seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jennifer Christensen made a motion to donate up to \$100 for a bourbon and bacon basket for the Duluth Labor Bowl. Bob Klinger seconded the motion; motion passed.

Bruce Bergh made a motion to donate \$5000 to the North East Area Labor Council electoral program funding. James Westin seconded the motion; motion carried.

Dean Nelson made a motion to pay \$1000 for Jewish Social Justice Calendar 2015 sponsorship. Bob Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

James Gleb made a motion to donate four items of clothing to the MN AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention for door prizes. Bob Klingner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Bob Jordan made a motion to purchase an ad at the cost of \$263.50 for the Labor World Labor Day special edition. Joyce Berglund seconded the motion; motion carried.

Bob Klingner made a motion to purchase up to \$200 worth of candy for distribution in the parade at Bovey Farmer's Day parade. Todd Gustafson seconded the motion; motion carried.

James Westin made a motion to donate \$100 and up to \$100 in Local 1189 logo clothing to the Greater West Central Area Labor Council for their Labor Day picnic. Lauri Anderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

Dean Nelson made a motion to donate \$20,000 to the AFL-CIO electoral funding, lost time hours up to 20 hours per week per member/three members per division and a gas card for each member for upcoming election season. Bob Klinger seconded the motion; motion carried.

There will be a fundraiser at the Highland Park pavilion on September 27, 2014 from 4-8 p.m. for Dennis McMahon's brother, who is suffering from leukemia. Jennifer Christensen made a motion to donate \$100 in Kowalski's gift cards and a bourbon and bacon basket for the silent auction event. Bob Klingner seconded the motion; motion carried.

A request was received from long-time member James Gamache for a donation to the Esko Fire Department fundraiser. Joyce Berglund made a motion to donate a \$100 Cub Foods gift card for the event and five \$20 tickets for those attending the fundraiser. Alycia Hughes seconded the motion; motion carried.

The MN AFL-CIO 52nd Constitutional Convention is scheduled for September 21-23, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul. Local 1189 is eligible to send 8 delegates to the convention. Bernie Hesse is a member of the MN AFL-CIO Board, so he is automatically a delegate to the convention. Joyce Berglund made a motion to send up to 8 delegates with reasonable expenses, including hotel and mileage as applicable. Lost time will not be reimbursed. Lauri Anderson seconded the motion; motion carried. The following will be delegates to the convention: Don Seaquist, Jennifer Christensen, James Westin, Bruce Bergh, Todd Gustafson and Tom Cvar.

Miscellaneous Information

The Iron Range Labor Assembly will be holding their 11th annual Labor Day picnic on Monday, September 1, 2014 from 12-4 p.m. at Olcott Park in Virginia, Minnesota. Members in the area are encouraged to attend.

UFCW Local 1189 will be at the state fair again this year. We will conduct a survey and provide information on our retail employers. Dean Nelson made a motion for \$2700 in \$300 gift cards for drawings at the fair; James Westin seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

The Duluth-Superior Pride event is taking place on August 30, 2014. Volunteers are needed to help with Local 1189's booth at this event. Please contact Tamara Jones in the Duluth office for more information.

New Business

Diana Tastad announced that she is resigning her position on the executive board as she is on staff with Local 1189 now. The position will be open to the membership. The Board thanked Diana for her service.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Gleb
Recording Secretary
UFCW Local 1189

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