

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused were Kim Madigan and Bob Jordan.

The actions of the September 17, 2014 Executive Board meeting were ratified.

The minutes of the September Executive Board meeting were distributed. Gary Morgan made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; Dean Nelson 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 Klingner seconded; motion passed.

Correspondence and Appeals

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- GWCALC picnic committee (donation)
- Terri Newman, co-chair Labor Day picnic (donation)
- Bentleyville Tour of Lights (donation)

Actions Needed

We received a bill from Andrew & Bransky for \$2025 for services rendered. Dean Nelson made a motion to pay, Joyce Berglund seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Miller O'Brien Jensen for \$465.50 for services rendered. Bob Klingner made a motion to pay, Gary Morgan seconded; motion passed.

Bob Klingner made a motion to donate \$200 to the second annual Labor Ball sponsored by AFSCME Local 66. Alycia Hughes seconded the motion; motion passed.

Dennis McMahon made a motion to approve the building committee recommendation on the purchase of a water softener for the southern division building. Bob Klingner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Miscellaneous Information

Secretary-Treasurer Jennifer Christensen provided additional information to the update for the Greater MN Worker Center.

Nicole McCarty and Erica Galagher, OPEIU Local 227 members and employees of American Income Life, gave a presentation on the accidental death and dismemberment benefit that AIL has been working with Local 1189 members on. To date, AIL has paid out over \$28 million to UFCW members and \$47,000 to Local 1189 members.

Old Business

Information on the donations received for the Fundraiser for Food Workers was presented. Director Bernie Hesse provided additional information on assistance available for our Dakota Premium and Rainbow members.

Jennifer Christensen made a motion to approve the 9/17/14 oversight committee minutes to forward the grievance to the attorney to proceed or not. Dean Nelson seconded the motion; motion passed.

The executive board voted and approved Patricia Good, a member at Wedge Community Co-Op and Mark McMahon, a member at Kowalski's as the two new executive board members for the southern division.

New Business

President Seaquist and Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse brought up the upcoming November 4, 2014 election. Members should be encouraged to vote and with early voting, there should be no excuse. Staff and executive board members are encouraged to volunteer with door knocking to get out the vote.

Director/Organizing Abraham Wangnoo gave a report on the current organizing campaigns that are being worked on from northwest to southeast Minnesota. There are ample opportunities for staff and members to assist and people should contact Abe if interested in assisting.

President Seaquist advised that Health Access MN will be assisting our southern division members to navigate health care options who have lost eligibility. The northern division is still seeking an organization to assist.

A tentative agreement has been reached with OPEIU Local 12 for Local 1189 staff and representatives. Information will be provided to the executive board in the next agenda packet as well as salary increase proposals for the president and secretary-treasurer.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Gleb
Recording Secretary
UFCW Local 1189

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