

Executive Board Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared. Absent and excused was Carol Agurkis.

The actions of the October 22, 2014 Executive Board meeting were ratified.

The minutes of the October Executive Board meeting were distributed. Bob Klingner made a motion to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board; Dennis Reeves 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. Bruce Bergh made a motion to recommend approval to the executive board; Terry Hoffmann seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Appeals

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program (donation)

Actions Needed

We received a bill from Andrew & Bransky for \$931.50 for services rendered. Bob Jordan made a motion to pay, James Westin seconded; motion passed.

We received a bill from Miller O'Brien Jensen for \$171.50 for services rendered. Bob Klingner made a motion to pay, Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

Duane Geske made a motion to approve \$2000 for holiday food baskets, which will be distributed in December. Dean Nelson seconded the motion; motion passed.

Local 1189 Southern Division Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Duane Geske made a motion to approve \$1800 in expenses for the party, Bob Klingner seconded; motion passed.

Dennis McMahon made a motion to purchase a table for ten at \$750 for the TakeAction Minnesota 2014 Leadership Awards celebration which will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014. James Westin seconded the motion; motion passed.

James Gleb made a motion to purchase an ad in the Labor World holiday issue for \$196.20. Dean Nelson seconded; motion passed.

This year, Our Walmart strikers will be going on strike Wednesday, Thursday, and Black Friday (11/26-28/14). Duane Geske made a motion to provide \$50 Union grocery gift cards for each person, per day on strike. Dean Nelson seconded the motion; motion carried.

A request was received from Local 1189 member Brian Marette for a donation to a cancer benefit for his father. Dennis McMahon made a motion to donate a bourbon and bacon basket for raffling at the benefit. James Westin seconded; motion passed.

Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse gave a detailed list of Our Walmart events taking place Wednesday, 11/26/14 through Friday, 12/5/14 which will benefit organizing, moving Earned Sick and Safe Time, moving the fight for \$15 wages for workers at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and fast food workers and safe scheduling – a UFCW priority. James Westin made a motion to approve \$5000 in expenses to defray costs for these events. Bob Klingner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Miscellaneous Information

UFCW Local 1189 member and employee of Kowalski's Grand Market, Jacquelyne Hanson, has passed away.

Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse gave a report on 2014 elections. President Seaquist thanked all our members who participated in GOTV.

President Seaquist gave an update on medical cannabis. Local 1189 has been working on this from the beginning. We will be informed who the State will award contracts to on December 1, 2014.

Old Business

An updated donor list for the Fundraiser for Food Workers was distributed.

New Business

President Seaquist presented a proposal for officer salary increases. James Westin made a motion to approve, Bob Jordan seconded; motion passed.

President Seaquist presented the tentative collective bargaining agreement reached with OPEIU Local 12 for staff and representatives. Bruce Bergh made a motion to approve; Bob Klinger seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Gleb
Recording Secretary
UFCW Local 1189

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