

General Membership Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Northern Director Gary Morgan and a quorum was declared.

The minutes of the January 15, 2014 general membership meeting was distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed.

The minutes of the January 15, 2014 Executive Board meeting was distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

The minutes of the February 19, 2014 Executive Board meeting were read. Motion made and so carried to approve as read and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- Bentleyville Tour of Lights (donation)
- Leukemia/Lymphoma Society (Sandra Paavala-Long memorial donation)

Department Reports

Retail: Union Representative Tom Cvar reported that ARGA negotiations will begin next week. Health insurance will be a concern. Pension is doing well. Will ask for living wage increase. Further discussion held regarding health insurance.

Long-Term Care: Joyce Berglund reported that negotiations are wrapping up for several nursing homes; however, those that aren't completed are in danger of losing funding. Update given on Inter-Faith Care Center negotiations.

Manufacturing/Meat Packing: Gary Morgan reported that a contract was recently ratified with RDO, which included good raises.

Organizing/Politics: Discussion held on the following: organizing hotel possible, waiting to hear from UNITE HERE. Walmart building trades strike support. Concern raised regarding our organizing capacity, MN AFL-CIO hiring. Medical marijuana organizing. Raise the wage weekly phone banks from 5-8 p.m. at Duluth Labor Temple. Hold outs are Tom Bakk and Roger Reinert and others. Rally coordinated to rally at rotunda – contact Tamara Jones or Tom Cvar to attend. Patrick Boyle!

Officer's Reports

Officers' reports were tabled until next meeting.

Good and Welfare/Community Service/Member Events

Union Representative Tamara Jones gave an update regarding holiday events.

Membership appreciation and union steward training will be scheduled for March.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gleb
Recording Secretary
for Union Representative Tamara Jones

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