

General Membership Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared.

The minutes of the April 23, 2014 general membership meeting was distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed.

The minutes of the April 23, 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 May 21, 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:

- Leukemia/Lymphoma Society memorial donations for Elizabeth Yanez and Angela Sather
- South St. Paul Alternative School prom

Food Shelf

\$76.11 was collected for the food shelf. Motion was made by Duane Geske to match this amount; Dennis McMahon seconded. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Retail: President Seaquist reported that retail bargaining is at a stand still. All contracts are on extensions. Health care is the big issue as the Employers want to cover only 300 part-time members. \$6 million is needed for the health care plan. A health care sub-committee has been established and will meet on May 27, 2014. No further negotiating dates will be set as we deal with health care.

Nursing Homes: Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse reported that legislation has just concluded with 5% funding going to assisted living, home care, ICS, bond and care; 80% to wages and benefits. Language needs to be signed off for Union facilities. Money has also been established for quality improvements in home health care. The State will discuss this further with us.

Manufacturing: President Seaquist reported that we are facing issues with the drought resulting in less hours. We welcome two of our Crothall Laundry members from Red Wing tonight.

Political: Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse reported that the medical cannabis bill passed in the plant, liquid, oil or pill form; however, the bill reduced the ability for growth. UFCW represent workers in this industry. We will work on this bill for next year. Election season is approaching, so members can expect to hear from the UFCW to ask for support for candidates who support working family issues, especially surrounding a higher minimum wage and health care.

Officer's Reports

President Seaquist reported that Rainbow Foods 18 stores in the metro area will be sold or closed as they leave the market. This affects 700 members. Local 1189 is trying to get our members from the stores that have not been sold hired by the stores that have been purchased. We are continuing to work with Lunds, Jerry's and SuperValu. The proposed closings will happen July 7, 2014.

Secretary-Treasurer Jennifer Christensen gave the preliminary financial report ending April 30, 2014 unaudited financials for the year as follows:

Checking/Savings	\$334,066.99
Building Corporation	\$350,047.46
Total Property and Equipment after depreciation	\$58,730.02
Investments at Wells Fargo	\$780,638.69
Total Assets	\$1,523,483.16

	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Total Revenue	\$347,244.35	\$1,411,797.96
Total Expenses	\$356,378.84	\$1,422,556.98
Net Income	-\$6,134.49	-\$10,759.02

Good and Welfare/Community Service/Member Events

Union Representative Mike Dreyer advised that the annual South St. Paul Kaposia Days parade will take place on June 27, 2014. Interested members who want to participate should meet at the Local 1189 office at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer Jennifer Christensen reported that a strike of the Our Walmart workers will take place on June 4, 2014. Local 1189 will show up to support this action at the Brooklyn Center Walmart at 11:00 a.m. and members are encouraged to attend.

Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse reported that he was advised the Swift plant voted to go on strike. Keep an eye on our website for further details.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Gleb
Recording Secretary
UFCW Local 1189

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