

General Membership Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Don Seaquist and a quorum was declared.

The minutes of the June 18, 2014 general membership meeting was distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed.

The minutes of the June, July, and August 2014 Executive Board meetings were distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

The minutes of the September 17, 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:

- Retired member Jimmy Owens

Department Reports

Retail: President Seaquist reported on the Jerry's Rainbow WSP store closure. Jerry's have also closed two stores in Minneapolis. Jerry's is confident that our members will be offered employment at other stores; however, if not hired, the dislocated workers program is running already and they can participate.

Nursing Homes: Union Representative Jeanine Owusu reported there are a lot of contracts open for negotiations right now. There is State money for members earning \$13 or less per hour.

Manufacturing: Union Representative Rafael Espinosa reported that Dakota Premium has been closed in what the employer has called a temporary shut-down. Twin City Hide contract has been opened for bargaining.

Political: Director/Special Projects Bernie Hesse reported there are opportunities for all members to phone bank or door knock to get out the vote this political season. We need to keep the House to make changes in long-term care and the medical cannabis industry. We have some agreements already with medical cannabis employers. Membership can be grown with this industry.

Organizing: Director/Organizing Abraham Wangnoo introduced himself and provided his background. He reported on current organizing activities in the retail industry and poultry industry.

Officer's Reports

President Seaquist reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with ARGA that saves our members' health care and being fully paid by employers for next two years. This sets a standard for the southern division retail negotiations, which will resume September 23-24, 2014.

Secretary-Treasurer Jennifer Christensen gave the preliminary financial report ending August 31, 2014 unaudited financials for the year as follows:

Checking/Savings	\$343,747.91	
Building Corporation	\$318,241.90	
Total Property and Equipment after depreciation	\$45,203.20	
Investments at Wells Fargo	\$780,737.09	
Total Assets	\$1,487,930.10	
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Total Revenue	\$405,799.73	\$2,940,242.20
Total Expenses	\$389,708.02	\$2,934,589.31
Net Income	\$16,091.71	\$5,652.89

Good and Welfare/Community Service/Member Events

A fundraiser for our displaced members at Rainbow Foods and Dakota Premium was held September 8, 2014 wherein the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation donated \$5000. A total of \$10,000 was raised for these members

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gleb
Recording Secretary

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