

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Jennifer Christensen and a quorum was declared.

The minutes of the September general membership meeting were distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed.

The minutes of the October Executive Board meeting were distributed. Motion made and so carried to approve as printed and concur with the recommendations of the Executive Board.

### **Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from the following:

- MNA for donation
- JCA for ad purchase
- Citizen Federation for ad purchase

### **Department Reports**

President Christensen invited members to report on the state of their industries.

Retail: Need more help. Cub has 600 job openings. Stores are losing morning sales due to required later start times. Medical cannabis negotiations have started.

Nursing Homes: Also reported that they need more help.

Manufacturing: Gary Morgan and Bruce Bergh (Servicing Steward) have begun bargaining at RDO, a potato processing plant in Park Rapids.

Political: Dennis Reeves reported on a chart that showed biggest democratic loss since 1976 Regan. Half the states have republican governors. In Minnesota we lost our senate and we need to be concerned about losing our democratic governor.

### **Officer's Reports**

President Jennifer Christensen reported that looking at the election, it is clear some people felt left behind. "Making America great again" what does that mean when you look at statistics? Wage inequity was at its lowest when the unionized work force was at its highest. For me, I see that as a way to make America great again, by increasing the number of people represented by unions. We are a diverse union; we represent people from all races, cultures, genders, religions. Let me be clear, in our great America and our great union, there is no room for hate in this house.

President Christensen gave the preliminary financial report ending October 31, 2016 unaudited financials for the year as follows:

Checking/Savings	\$464,536.26	
Building Corporation	\$282,425.01	
Total Property and Equipment after depreciation	\$46,043.14	
Investments at Wells Fargo	\$430,861.22	
Total Assets	\$1,223,865.35	
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Total Revenue	\$345,658.05	\$3,593,816.38
Total Expenses	\$365,929.58	\$3,538,035.90
Net Income	-\$20,271.53	\$55,780.48

**Good and Welfare/Community Service/Member Events**

President Christensen showed the NLCA Stampout Hunger thank you gift and talked about the 2017 food drive.

Members were reminded of the Children's Holiday Party on December 4, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted (in the absence of Jeanine Owusu),

Jennifer Christensen  
President

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