

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Shoreline Date: Thursday, November 14, 2013

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:15 p.m. By: Rosalinda Aguirre

Initiation of New Members: Jack Garten – Solid Ground and Hangatuv Dawud – Group Health

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): _____

Elected: vacant

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): _____

Elected: vacant

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: absent

Chair Elect: vacant

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: _____

Staff: Suzanne Mode

No. of Members in Attendance 13

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: approved

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

SHA still in negotiations a year later! Compensation is the sticking point. One more bargaining session before informational picketing starts on Monday, Nov. 11 at 4:00 p.n. – 5:00 p.m.

Jennifer and Ceci from Group Health had attended our September Assembly and found it really fun and educational! They really enjoyed the lunch speaker and learning more about labor

history. GHC just voted on their new health benefits – which were much better than GH first offered.

Shop Stewards all talked about their role at work and the importance of having a steward at each work place to make sure every one knows about their contract and be the eyes and ears of the Union.

Changes in payroll and use of paid leave need to be addressed at Welfare and Pension Administration.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

The Diversity Committee is working on how to more involve “English as a second language” members – especially Spanish speaking union members. To overcome the language barrier, a Local 8 pilot project has been approved by the Executive Board to translate the Sea Mar Homecare contract.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

The Union is taking GHC to arbitration to resolve our dispute over implementing the new step increase in the Fall of 2014. GHC intends to outsource PBX at Central Hospital. The Union is challenging their decision.

Homecare employers will close by the end of the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

None.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Mode