

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting

Agenda Form

Chapter meeting location: Seattle Labor Temple Date: 5/7/14

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:00 p.m. By: Rosalinda Aguirre

Initiation of New Members: Maria Carrasco-Osuna (LIHI), Rangel Hurtado (LIHI), Anthony Price (LIHI), Ian Davison (LIHI), Sonny Hue Tran (SHA), Gladis Soteto (CTWW), Thaksaporn DeMay (CTWW), Marni Schroeder (GHC), Jason Cormier (GHC), Lacy Wisner (GHC), Brian Lextor (LIHI)

Special Order of Business:

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): _____

Elected: _____

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): _____

Elected: _____

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: _____

Chair Elect: _____

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Rosalinda Aguirre, Valancy Blackwell, Anthony Forte, Karen White, Kathi Scott, Kellie McGuire, Cindy Schu, Suzanne Mode

Staff: Valarie Peaphon

No. of Members in Attendance: 26

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: no amendments were required

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

The members from LIHI advised that things are going well there.

King Co. Dept. of Assessments is part of the coalition bargaining for wages, and the County is trying to move toward a total comp system.

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Political Action Committee: Jim O'Connor encouraged monthly donations to PAC and attending monthly meetings, which are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., with a call-in option. He also advised that the new name of the committee is OPAL – Office Professionals Acting Legislatively.

Shop Steward Committee: Several stewards in attendance shared their thoughts about the role they play and why it's important. The Weingarten video was mentioned and promoted.

Diversity Committee: The Committee was successful in their effort to have the SeaMar homecare worker contract translated into Spanish and plans to follow up with workers next month to see how things are going. So far, all feedback has been very positive and there is increased involvement from the workers.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Trainings are available through the Local for members and shop stewards.

Consider attending the September 27th membership assembly, stipends are available to help.

Massage Bar negotiations continue – bargaining is being coordinated with the Oakland group. Economic issues are a sticking point, a federal mediator will be offering assistance.

Washington State Ferries negotiations will start next week.

Valley Medical negotiations are underway, and so far it's been a struggle.

The Seattle Housing Authority contract will be signed tomorrow, and back pay was won for 27 SHA workers.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

None

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Valancy Blackwell