

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Olympia Date: Saturday, June 6, 2015

The Chapter was called to order at: 9:18 a.m. By: Benita Hyder

Initiation of New Members: Emily Hemstra and Jonathon Kesler

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): _____

Elected: _____

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Jan Abberger - absence

Chair Elect: vacant

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Karen White

Staff: Benita Hyder and Leslie Liddle

No. of Members in Attendance 6

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: approved

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Emily is from Bellingham. Jonathon is from Ellensburg.

John Latimer talked about the changes to the time clock system at Willapa Harbor

Hospital.

Jonathon talked about the importance of raising the minimum wage. New Mexico was going to raise it to \$10.10 per hour but only raised it to &7.50 per hour and "stair stepped" it to

be at \$10.10 by 2017. Washington State is way ahead in minimum wages!

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Benita talked about joining a Local 8 Committee – conference calling makes it easy to participate. There is a Shop Steward training scheduled with Mark McDermott as a primary presenter. In December there will be another training about finances will be held in December.

The Diversity Committee has translated our Sea Mar Contract into Spanish since the high majority of Sea Mar employees are Hispanic.

The Hardship Committee can provide up to \$250 for Local 8 members suffering a hardship. There will be a fundraiser for the Hardship Fund at our next Statewide Assembly in September.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Benita reported that the September 2015 Assembly will now be held in Tacoma – instead of Arlington to welcome our new members as a result of OPEIU Local 23 merging into Local 8 as of June 1. Leslie talked about sick leave and \$15/hour minimum initiatives happening currently in Tacoma

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Have an Assembly in Tokeland. Hold a picnic/get together in Tacoma/Olympia area to welcome former Local 23 members.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen White