

# OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Spokane Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2015

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:10 p.m. By: Rick Nesbitt

Initiation of New Members: Deborah Kraft, Jina Turbak, Katie Hutylor-McCat

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Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: n/a

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: n/a

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Rick Nesbitt – present

Chair Elect: Shannon Cole - absent

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Cindy Schu

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Staff: Cindy Schu

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No. of Members in Attendance 7

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: approved

## **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Next Statewide Membership Assembly: Saturday, September 26 in Tacoma instead of  
Arlington. With the addition of OPEIU Local 23 Members merging into Local 8, it will be a  
“Welcome” Assembly for those new Members.

Tickets for “Labor Night” at an upcoming Spokane Indians’ game are available.

Chair Nesbitt suggested an email blast to hold another meeting during the year – instead

of just one. Joan suggested a meeting at a restaurant after work. It was also suggested that a meeting include planning events such as an “informational picket” if needed. More frequency of meetings – less formal – possibly at the end of Summer on a Saturday. Tentatively, a potluck on Saturday, August 22 at Mission Park. The details and reservation will be done by Rick and Local 8 can provide the basics.

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### **REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES**

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### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Cindy reported about the tough contract bargaining with Group Health. 96% voted to reject GH’s latest offer. Members signed a petition to take to GH Headquarters. Counter proposals have been made. Filing an unfair labor practice (ULP) is possible. A Federal Mediator may be called-in. UFCW and SEIU also represent workers at Group Health and UFCW’s contract is currently being negotiated. Informational picketing may be done together.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

Meet more than once a year for Chapter Meetings.

Check Spokane Parks and Recreation for a facility to have a picnic meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at:    ?   

Minutes submitted by:    Joan Ahl