

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Seattle - Downtown Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:04 p.m. By: Joan Weiss

Initiation of New Members: (3) members took the oath of membership

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): Celia Martinez

Elected: Celia Martinez

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Sarah Bright - present

Chair Elect: Celia Martinez - present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Suzanne Mode, Business
Manager and Joan Weiss, Trustee

Staff: _____

No. of Members in Attendance 12

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: approved with modifications

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Jonathon from Providence Everett reported that PRMCE isn't following the contract by
eliminating overtime. There's still a great need for overtime because of short staffing.

Celia reported that they are bargaining a wage increase at Welfare and Pension TPA.
Employees are feeling bullying.

Shannon from Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) talked about the importance of SHA not hiring below the existing pay scale. SHA is creating lots of new jobs that are not union positions. The Union needs to request a report that shows all employee's job descriptions, wages and job analysis. We may need to organize some of these positions into the Union.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Everyone is encouraged to attend Local 8's first annual statewide Shop Steward Training later this month.

There will be a memorial service for a fallen female electrical lineman.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Suzanne voiced optimism about Kaiser Permanente addressing short staffing that has been occurring at Group Health for years once the acquisition occurs. Negotiations for the master Trade Section Agreement is a real challenge this year – we may need to picket.

Local 8 is focusing on organizing social service workers. Two new contracts – at Compass Housing and Plymouth Housing, are currently being bargained.

Look for upcoming events and rallies on the Union's Facebook page.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

none

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Margaret Papesh