

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Spokane Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:00 p.m. By: Rick Nesbitt

Initiation of New Members: Kaylie Pierce, Marcella Martinez and Tanaysha Wolfe

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): Rick Nesbitt

Elected: Rick Nesbitt

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

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

Chair Elect: Shannon Cole - absent

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: _____

Staff: Corinne Cosentino

No. of Members in Attendance 6

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: approved

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Rick again suggested holding more frequent meetings – either at an informal place such as a restaurant or have a picnic. He is currently involved in extra activities at work. How to make it happen after work? Members live all over the area.

Tanaysha said a Saturday at Mission Park might work because people could bring their kids. Rick asked how many members are in the Chapter area? Maybe 60 to 100 according to Corinne. She suggested coordinating with a Rep to help facilitate.

Joan asked if anyone wanted to form a committee? Rick appointed all Group Health members present to be on the committee. Rick would like to make it happen this summer. Corinne said that Allan, Leslie and Cindy could be consulted on scheduling a picnic. Rick and Joan gave phone numbers and email addresses to the Group Health members.

Rick reported that WFSE members will be entering into contract negotiations in September. Their contract expires June 30.

Group Health contract negotiations finally settled this past Fall. Kaiser Permanente has acquired Group Health but the sale still needs to be approved by the Washington State Insurance Commissioner – that may not happen until early next year.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

none

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Corinne welcomed all members present. She encouraged everyone to attend the next Assembly in September. Large union issues, elections and budget review take place at Assemblies. The next one is in Yakima on the fourth Saturday of September – the 24th.

Corinne reported that she had stopped by a picket line of striking Machinists. Rick reminded everyone about the time that Kaiser Aluminum went on strike. She also talked about the Local 8 PAC Fund and invited everyone to join and donate. No Union dues go towards politics. She also asked that we “like” Local 8 on Facebook.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Hold more than one (1) area Chapter Meeting a year.

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Joan Ahl