

# OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Aberdeen Date: 10/29/11

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:12 a.m. By: Phoebe Olivera

Initiation of New Members: Deserie Fillmore-Hardy, Daory Setthavongsack and John Macaras

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: Phoebe Olivera - present

Chair Elect: Eileen Grimnes - present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Bill Messenger

Staff: Benita Hyder

No. of Members in Attendance: 10

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: \_\_\_\_\_

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Union Rep Benita Hyder described the territory she represents. The Willapa Hospital contract negotiations are finished . The Sea Mar Community Clinics contract bargain is just starting with the Bargaining Team being recruited, contract surveys sent and bargaining dates are set.

The September Assembly was well attended. Attendees reported: the creation of a new Communications Committee; the endorsement of the Occupy Seattle Movement; and the Hardship Fund awards were reduced to \$250 per request from \$500.

## **REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES**

John L. spoke about the lack of communication between the “main body” and outlining areas –  
and the need for more participation. Benita reviewed the list of Local 8 Committees.

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## **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Next Local 8 Assembly: Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Seattle. Willapa Hospital Members  
reported on their contract negotiations, the Hospital’s Helping Hands Fund and the Festival of  
Trees fundraiser for the Hospital. Benita spoke about the Homecare Initiative 1183 on the  
upcoming statewide ballot that will provide training to our Home Care members and is endorsed  
by Local 8. The loss of so many State jobs was also discussed.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

Clarification about the mission and purpose of the new Local 8 Communications Committee;

Continue to have a Chapter meeting in Aberdeen at least once a year;

Local 8 to distribute our political endorsements and provide written “talking points” on them;

John Macuras requests to become a Local 8 Delegate to the Twin Harbors CLC.

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The meeting was adjourned at: 11:25 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Eileen Grimnes