

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Bellevue Date: March 12, 2011

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:10 a.m. By: Kathi Scott

Initiation of New Members: Miya Cohen-Sieg and Cheyenne Hernandez

Special Order of Business:

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Terry Hall - present

Chair Elect: Angela Boehlke - present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Kathi Scott and

David Olivera

Staff: absent

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: _____

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

Kathi: Local 8 Lobby Day is March 17 in Olympia; requested participation; phone calls would be appreciated to Legislators to not make cuts to balance the budget on the backs of workers.

David: Diversity Committee is actively recruiting Members through phone calling. Next meeting is April 16 at noon. The Diversity Committee will carry the Local 8 banner in the Seattle MLK March.

Local 8 sent three (3) Members to the Wisconsin Labor Rally in February: President Kellie McGuire and Executive Board Member Karen White attended. April 8, the Washington State Labor Council is holding a rally for Wisconsin support in Olympia.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

PAC: Angela explained what PAC does – makes recommendations on candidates and the Membership votes on them. Donations to PAC are not from Union dues money, all personal donations and fund raisers, such as the Auction at the Assembly meetings. The September 2011 PAC Auction needs an auctioneer.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Carol from SHA gave an update on the SHA Contract ratification, the contract expires in 2012. A new merit based pay increase model was contemplated. She presented an analogy on the merit based system to superstar vs. team models and how it impacts employees.

International Women's Day Celebration – March 13.

APALA Banquet – April 14, 5:00 p.m. at the South Seattle Community College – add to your calendar.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Training: 1) Overview of the relationships between Local 8, the International, the AFL-CIO and CLCs.

2) Union Heritage training. Motion: Recommend to the Executive Board for training at the next Assembly to be on Union heritage and the matrix of Labor. M/S/C (2 abstentions)

Recommend to the Executive Board and MLK CLC Delegates to urge the CLCs to organize a King County based labor rally in support of Wisconsin workers and protecting collective bargaining rights

M/S/C (2 abstentions) Recommend to the Executive Board to establish a Communication Committee.

Discussion: Members expressed the importance of internal communications for actions that need support. M/S/C (2 abstentions)

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Terry Hall