

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting

Chapter meeting location: Eastside Seattle Date: March 13, 2010

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:10 a.m. By: Karen White

Initiation of New Members: none

Special Order of Business:

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): Terry Hall

Elected: Terry Hall

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): Angela Boehlke

Elected: Angela Boehlke

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Terry Hall

Chair Elect: Angela Boehlke

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Karen White, Kellie McGuire,
Anthony Forte, Jan Hays, Cindy Schu

Staff: Cindy Schu

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: n/a

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Cindy reported on the last Executive Board Meeting. The budget is only 2 months old and we're in line with revenues and expenses; Local 8 hired a new Union Representative, Damian Kent. He will be responsible for the Eastside of the State. He will be a great asset and his base in Tri-cities will save the Local money; There will be a representation election in Spokane on 3/31/10 at Group Health; KGH Lab workers have a representation election on 3/22/10; Local 8 received voluntary recognition to represent the employees at Cannon House – part of Sea Mar; La Clinica is being a bad employer – AGAIN, but Members are on board with over 90% signing a petition in support of the Union.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Elections held and all Members elected have been sworn in. There were 3 Regional Executive Board Member elections and the highest number of votes cast in Local 8 history; The PAC sent a request to the Executive Board to give \$500 to Max Vekich to help relieve his campaign debt – The Board voted to not contribute any additional money; the Diversity Committee met in February with a very low turnout – the next Diversity Committee meeting is Saturday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. at the Seattle Labor Temple.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Alan reported on the status of the King County Assessor's office – many changes and concerns about upcoming contract negotiations; Jan reported on Trade Section contract negotiations for many of our Members working in Union offices and the impact of Western States Pension on bargaining; grocery workers in the Puget Sound area will begin contract negotiations in May; There is a rally on Monday, March 15 at 11:00 a.m. to protest big banks who misuse our money; On Wednesday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Westlake in downtown Seattle, there will be a rally for JOBS! organized by the Building Trades Unions.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

none

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen White