

# OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Tukwila Date: July 28, 2010

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:10 p.m. By: Kathi Scott

Initiation of New Members: Patty Gilmore, Kim Morehead, Nancy Fenty

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Special Order of Business:

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): Daphne Becker

Elected: Daphne Becker

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): Shaunie Saelee

Elected: Shaunie Saelee

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: excused

Chair Elect: present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Kellie McGuire, Kathi Scott,

Valancy Blackwell

Staff: Amanda Saylor

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: request to correct the 6/23/10 Chapter

Minutes – neither Kathy Taylor or Benita were in attendance.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Sister McGuire reported on the OPEIU International Convention – “awesome” event, Local 8 was presented with an organizing award and there were great speakers. Sister Scott also gave a report about the Convention, adding that Business Manager Suzanne Mode is now an International Vice President from Region VI. Amanda reported bargaining an upgrade for Group Health members and securing premium pay for employee trainers; layoffs at Valley Medical Center resulted in a fight over seniority and the Union won!; King County negotiations will be hard with deficits and non-union taking freezes and worse, Local 8 will be working with other Unions as a Coalition – which will help when bargaining about the possibility of more furloughs.

## REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Sister Boehlke reported about Local 8's PAC and our phone banking efforts. She encouraged participation. There was a discussion about upcoming Labor Neighbor events.

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## REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Carol from Seattle Housing Authority – Shop Steward and Bargaining Team Member, reported on contract negotiations; reinstatement of annual step increases is the primary outstanding issue and the amount of an overall wage increase – both are very difficult since the contract expired in September 2009. Car signs and postcards were distributed to support SHA workers in their fight for a fair contract. Annaliza spoke about the upcoming Washington State Labor Council Convention in early August; she is very concerned about immigration issues and wants Local 8 to take a stronger stand than the resolution being put forward. A resolution from the San Francisco Council should be considered. Nancy Fenty reported there will be a garage sale to benefit an apprentice who died recently in an on-the-job accident, leaving behind a wife and 3 small children. The garage sale is Saturday, August 14 and any donations are welcomed.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

None

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

Minutes submitted by Kathi Scott