

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Seattle - Downtown Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2012

The Chapter was called to order at: 6:13 p.m. By: Janet Hays

Initiation of New Members: Justine Winnie and Lisa Huntsburger

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): Max Brown

Elected: Max Brown

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): Justine Winnie

Elected: Justine Winnie

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Corinne Costentino - present

Chair Elect: Andrea Gott - absent

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: David Olivera, Ruthie

Cuthrell, Karen White, Valancy Blackwell, Joan Weiss, Janet Hays,

Carol Rozumalski, Cindy Schu and Suzanne Mode

Staff: Corinne Cosentino, Diane Arnold, Mary Maloy, Shelby Mooney

and Valarie Peaphon

No. of Members in Attendance 22

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: _____

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Suzanne: Reached agreement with the Master Trade Section for a 2% COLA; GHC in 4th month of negotiations and workers are considering informational picketing; Also bargaining with Sea

Mar. Cindy: On budget but contract negotiations are costly; upcoming WSLC Communications

Summit on 6/9 is a great opportunity for some Members to attend. Shelby: Excited about moving

back to full-time organizing and encouraged Members to help develop leads. Valarie: Has had several successful grievance outcomes; contract negotiations starting with the State Ferries, Consejo and the Seattle Housing Authority. Diane: introduced herself as the newly hired Union Representative for Local 8.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

WSLC Delegates David and Elaine reported on attending the recent WSLC COPE Convention at the Machinist Hall in Seattle.

Special presentation from representatives of the Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans (PSARA) – Robbie and Maureen. They reported on the status of organizing around saving Social Security – “scrap the cap!” Membership to join PSARA is only \$15 per year!

Political Action Committee (PAC): working on growing PAC participation – recruitment fliers being sent out to all Members. Please join the PAC if you haven’t already and sign-up to phone bank in June!

Hardship Committee: Next meeting is Thursday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Shop Steward Committee: Thanks to Elaine and Daphne for presenting at our last Shop Steward Training in Everett. A new “Word Search” contest will have winners announced at our next Assembly in September.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Joan talked about the APRI Seattle Chapter Fundraiser Walk-A-Thon on June 16 in Seward Park, Seattle.

Max announced that WA YELL (Young Emerging Labor Leaders) is having a fundraiser on Thursday, June 6 at the Edgewater Hotel in Seattle. Tickets are \$60 and Local 8 has 4 tickets available. Liz Schuller, AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer will be attending!

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

None.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Corinne Cosentino