

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Tri-Cities Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:22 a.m. By: Mike Gimlin

Initiation of New Members: Jean Abrahms, Dianne Rogers, Eva Walker and
Trina Dickerson

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): none

Elected: _____

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Lisa Jones - present

Chair Elect: vacant

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Barb Brennan

Staff: Mike Gimlin

No. of Members in Attendance 9

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: accepted as presented

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Barb invited everyone to attend the next Assembly on Saturday, September 22 in
Yakima. Barb and Mike explained the structure of our Union and our governance model.

Mike reported about Ellensburg contract negotiations and that contract surveys have
been sent to SLR members. Kennewick General Hospital (KGH) opens next year.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

We talked about the different committees that are part of Local 8: Political Action (PAC), Shop Steward, Diversity, Communications and Hardship Fund. Barb reminded everyone that no dues go to the PAC. All PAC money comes from voluntary donations by Local 8 members.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Questions were asked about the on-line training for Home Care workers.

Discussion about how to dispose of needles and “sharps” when working in someone’s home. One suggestion: use an empty milk carton you mark “hazardous waste” and drop it off at a local hospital.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

none

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:39 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Jones