

# OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Tukwila Date: Saturday, July 21, 2012

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:15 a.m. By: Cindy Schu

Initiation of New Members: Andrea Vincent and Diana Dooper

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Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): Stacey Keller

Elected: Stacey Keller

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Elected: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Stacey Keller – present

Chair Elect: Shaunie Saelee – present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Kellie McGuire, Cindy Schu,

Shaunie Saelee and Ruthie Cuthrell

Staff: Cindy Schu

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No. of Members in Attendance 23

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: approved

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Upcoming Assembly in Yakima; join a Local 8 Committee, reservations and stipend available. A Group Health Member has won an OPEIU International scholarship to help with her continuing education. Executive Board Member and PAC Chair Shaunie Saelee announced Labor/Neighbor phone banking at the Fireman's Hall and IBEW Local 77 Hall – both in

Seattle, on Tuesday, July 17 at 5:00 p.m. and Labor Neighbor Walks in July and August.

Group Health is in the midst of contract bargaining today. The Union's Bargaining Team of 15 is down to just a few issues.

Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Schu reported that the Local is in good financial health and on target with the budget. Local 8 is constantly building power by organizing. A new group of 75 are voting to join us!

## **REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES**

Washington State Labor Council (WSLC) is holding its Convention in Wenatchee early next month.

There will be a bowl-a-thon after the Membership Assembly in Yakima on Saturday, September 22, for a Hardship Fund fundraiser – reimbursements for Shop Stewards can be donated too!

## **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

The Chair of the Diversity Committee announced there will be a workshop/Committee meeting at the Assembly: "What We Do As Members."

The Shop Steward Committee is meeting on Thursday, August 16.

There will be Labor/Neighbor phone banking on July 21, August 21 and August 30. Contact Lori at the WSLC for more information: 206 – 281 – 8901.

The organization NW Hope and Healing is sponsoring a 5k walk on Alki Beach in West Seattle on Sunday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. – come and join the Local 8 "Mad Dogs" Team!

Carol for the Seattle Housing Authority gave a report on current contract bargaining and their new location on Queen Anne in Seattle. Biggest issues are compensation and workload.

Local 8 is also in contract negotiations with Valley Medical Center and the King County

Public Health Department. The County claims our Members working in dental are overpaid  
compared to the private sector. A Mediator is being called-in to help resolve pay and workload  
issues. In the public sector, working conditions are tied into the politics of getting people into  
office that believe in workers.

Roxanne won the door prize/gift certificate.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Stacey Keller

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