

# OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Tacoma Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:05 a.m. By: Valarie Peaphon

Initiation of New Members: Maria Hoffman, Jose Torres-Oyama, Dana Orr, Julia Kocian, and Ariana Haidari

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): Maria Hoffmann

Elected: Maria Hoffmann

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): Valarie Peaphon

Elected: Valarie Peaphon

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Maria Hoffmann – present

Chair Elect: Valarie Peaphon – present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Doris Tucker

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Staff: Valarie Peaphon

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No. of Members in Attendance 15

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: n/a – first meeting of this Chapter

## **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Flyers were distributed by Judy from the Pierce County CLC about the upcoming labor history conference in Vancouver B.C. this spring. She also gave out labor history calendars, buttons and information about the Council's annual peanut butter drive.

There will be a "Worker Observance" in western Washington to recognize the workers that have died on-the-job this past year.

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## **REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES**

Diversity Committee: There will be Immigrant & Worker Rights rallies on April 15 with

United Farm Workers and Black Lives Matter activists participating. There are many events

coming up around May Day – look for them on the Local 8 and Pierce County CLC websites.

The Political Action Committee: always looking to recruit more participants.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Group Health is officially Kaiser Permanente now.

Sea Mar contract negotiations continue.

Contract negotiations are stalled at Welfare & Pension Administration Services (WPAS).

The Contract is expired and the workers are united to fight off all the take-aways on the table.

Informational Picketing is scheduled for March 22 from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

None

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:49 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Maria Hoffman