

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Burlington Date: 6/25/11

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:15 a.m. By: Carmen Paez

Initiation of New Members: Kerri D Maxwell

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): n/a

Elected: _____

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Laurel Coalwell - present

Chair Elect: Tony Sosa - present

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Carmen Paez, Audrey

Gunderson and Mary Jo Dalzell

Staff: Mary Maloy

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: n/a – perhaps we can share other Minutes?

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Cindy Schu is organizing a survey to be sent to fellow Members. We support joining the Shop Steward/Education Committee and the Chapter Meeting Committee and find new ways to get Members to attend the Chapter Meetings.

Dalene Robinson, Pam Hansen, Audrey Gunderson, Janice Herrera and Laurel Coalwell have committed to collecting 5 surveys each!

REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Janice Herrera, a Local 8 Delegate to the Snohomish Central Labor Council, talked about helping the Skagit Valley Nurses at their rally. The Snohomish CLC is hosting a turkey dinner in support – more information to come. Janice reported on other happenings with the Council.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

There are concerns about HIPPA (privacy laws) at Sea Mar – employees feel like they're set-up to fail on abiding HIPPA rules and guidelines.

Janice reported on the new changes with Labor and Industries (L&I): one-time payments will be allowed instead of monthly benefits. She also spoke about how Central Labor Councils work and the Washington State Labor Council. (Members want to know how many Delegate slots Local 8 has to the Northwest Washington CLC, Skagit CLC, Whatcom CLC and San Juan CLC?)

Dalene Robinson reported on the Hardship Fund – so far, 8 Members have been helped!

Sea Mar employees are being asked to solicit donations to help support migrant camps during work time.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Can donations to the Hardship Fund be tax-deductible?

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:43 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Laurel K. Coalwell
