

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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January 7, 2009

The Membership meeting at the Ridgedale Library was called to order by President Stetler.

Roll call of officers:

Present - Stetler, Malecki, Hanson, Whetstone, Schot, Salmon

Excused - Smith, Bell, Lor, Nicole

Unexcused -

INTRODUCTIONS

We had 16 members present.

RECORDING SECRETARY-JEANNE WHETSTONE

The minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE—PRESIDENT LYNN STETLER

- Thank you from Council 5 staff for Holiday Gifts.
- Twin City Labor Chorus
- March 26th Nellie Stone Johnson Dinner
- Council 5 Local Union Presidents meeting Friday Jan 23rd at Council 5 office.
- Special Meeting of all leaders of locals in Council 5 Jan 17th at the Ramada Mall of America.
- March 10 & 11 Day on the Hill.
- Slogan for contract negotiations is "For the Common Good."

PRESIDENT REPORTS—LYNN STETLER

- Have attended meetings on Budget, layoffs and deficits.
- Will be participating in the Library Director interviews next Wednesday. At this time there are 4 candidates.
- There have been initial discussions with the HC Policy Committee about contract negotiations and how they will be done differently this time.

TREASURER—WALTER HANSON

- The total balance is \$48,959.94. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to give two \$50 gift cards to Annette Tiedens for newsletter distribution. Due to an oversight, last years gift was not given, so we will give her two \$100 gift cards.
- Budget Committee will meet by the end of the month.
- 2007 Audit continues to be done.

MEMBERSHIP—

No report as we have no Membership Secretary.

CHIEF STEWARD—THERESA SMITH/MARILYN BELL

No report.

COUNCIL 5 E-BOARD—MOLLY MALECKI

Will be attending a retreat this week to plan for the next year.

OTHER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Newsletter is being worked on this weekend. More articles are needed. Send articles to Molly.

STAFF REPORT—STEVE MARINCEL

- Council 5 is organizing around contract negotiations. The theme will be Ready to Fight for the Common Good.
- State Employees contract ends June 30th so they have started meeting. Most Council 5 contracts end Dec 31st, 2009
- HC Policy Committee met in December and will meet again next week to begin discussions about contract negotiations
- Commissioner Opat is the new chair of the County Commissioners.
- County Budget deficit is bad and the County will have to look for ways to meet the budget shortfall

- Steve & Matt will be meeting with Richard Johnson next week.
- There is a 7 billion deficit for the state and a 2 billion short fall going back to 2000.
- 26% of the Local is fairshare. We need to work on getting these people to join the union.

OPEN FORUM

- Discussion on how to get fairshare members to join. Talk of having a membership meeting at the Central Labor Union where the first half would be meeting and the second half we could do phone banking. Dirk is willing to organize this. Members interested were: Nancy, Molly, David, Dirk, Annette, Bev, Odell, and Tammy.
- When talking to union members ask for non-work emails so that we can contact them at home. When we have a list Annette is willing to send out the emails.
- Walter commented on the minimum dues increase in the last newsletter.

Next Membership meeting is Wednesday February 4th 6:30pm at the Golden Valley Library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Whetstone
Recording Secretary