

PTE 17 Seattle Chapter

Meeting Minutes November 10, 2016

Secretary and Acting President Ulysses Hillard

Treasurer Gabriela Vega Kock

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Ulysses. Quorum was reached. Members introduced themselves and approved minutes of the October meeting by voice vote, with one abstention.

Officers Report

Gabriela reported that the Chapter checking account had a balance of \$5622.00 as of September 30, with no new expenditures.

MLK County Labor Council Delegate Report

Ulysses noted that every candidate and proposal endorsed by MLKCLC in the recent General Election was successful, except one.

Staff Report

Shaun Van Eyk spoke about the Local 17's efforts to expand Paid Parental Leave. Bargaining sessions with the City are expected to begin in the next week or two.

Shaun addressed the ongoing workspace reduction efforts of the City, and its effects on members. He noted that the City has not adhered to the Cease and Desist letter Local 17 sent, and that it took five weeks to get a response. He also spoke of the possibility of filing an Unfair Labor Practice Complaint.

Ray Sugarman said that since the last Chapter meeting the City has agreed to bargaining sessions to discuss the issue. He explained the difference between a ULPC and bargaining. Ray noted that since the last Chapter meeting, he has received only two communications from affected members, and said that information from members about what is happening in their workspace is crucial to achieving a positive outcome for members.

Bob Gambill asked if the City has provided a complete list of affected work units. Ray said the City has not provided complete information on any aspect of their plan. Bob reported that his manager was also voicing concerns about the effect on his unit, and complained that the City is not being transparent about the number of employees affected. Shaun said that information will be obtained in bargaining sessions, and reiterated that information from members in affected units is needed in order to be successful at the bargaining table. He urged members to contact a Steward or Union Representative with any information related to the City's 'Open Space Plan' even if changes have not yet occurred in members units.

REC Delegate Report

Denise Krownbell reported that the first REC meeting in one and a half years would be held on Saturday, November 12. She explained how Local 17 has been in 'crisis mode' while waiting for challenges to public employee unions made their way through the court system, and how the Executive Board has assumed a governance role in lieu of regularly scheduled REC meetings. Stefanie Hegland gave an overview of what happens at an REC meeting.

New Business

Roger Baker spoke about insecticide spraying in his work area with only a two day notice, making it difficult for those with physical conditions affected by exposure to request FML in time to avoid contact with the spray residue. He also said Material Data Safety Sheets were not provided to workers in affected spaces. Betina Ho said her work area was sprayed without notice. Ray asked to speak to employees in affected areas after the meeting for follow up.

Vicky Kennedy – Lord reported that she had not received a ballot for Executive Board Elections. Ray will contact Nikola Davidson to have a ballot sent out.

Nominations for Chapter Officers and REC Delegates were solicited and accepted as follows:

Chapter President – Denise Krownbell

Chapter Vice President – Mary Davis

Chapter Treasurer – Gabriela Vega Kock

Chapter Secretary – Joe Steinmeyer

REC Delegate (16 positions) – Jennifer Lyman, Kathy Boone, Allan Yamaguchi, Denise Krownbell, Mary Davis, Stefanie Hegland, Joseph Bullock, Ulysses Hillard, Charlie Rodgers, Blake Morrison, Keffi Fadonougbo, Roger Baker, Brett Ronneberg.

REC Delegate, Alternate – Blake Morrison

A motion was made that being only one nominee exists for each of the Chapter Officer positions, those nominees be approved by acclamation. A voice vote was called, and passed unanimously, with one abstention.

A motion was made to approve nominees for REC Delegate and Alternate positions by acclamation and was passed unanimously by voice vote, with one abstention.