

## **PTE 17 Seattle Chapter Meeting Minutes June 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### **Chapter Officers Present**

Denise Krownbell, President  
Mary Davis, Vice President  
Darren Wilson, Treasurer  
Joe Steinmeyer, Secretary

Denise called the meeting to order at 12:05pm, with 54 members present (quorum reached). Attendees introduced themselves, including Union Representatives Amy Bowles, Ray Sugarman, and Shaun Van Eyk. Several more members arrived after the meeting began. Minutes from the April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting were approved unanimously; minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting were approved with one abstention. Denise provided petitions for Initiative 1644, to restore affirmative action in Washington State, for members to sign if they wished. Sponsors of I 1644 include One Washington Coalition for Equality, El Centro De La Raza, National Association of Minority Contractors, and Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion.

### **Officers/REC Delegates Reports**

Denise spoke about the Regional Executive Committee meeting held June 9<sup>th</sup>. The panel of delegates overseeing the investigation of PTE 17 Executive Director Behnaz Nelson presented information and a motion to allow them more time to complete their work. The motion was seconded and passed to allow the panel an additional six weeks finish and make a recommendation to the REC. A motion to suspend PTE 17 Executive Board President Lois Watt was also made, seconded and passed. Vice President Hossein Barahimi will serve as Interim President. Denise noted that the Seattle Chapter has 2 vacant delegate positions and asked interested members to submit their names for election to the REC, and also to serve as alternates. Current delegates encouraged others interested in becoming active in the union to consider the REC as a good place to get involved and participate in the union. Amy said ballots for delegate vacancies will be sent to members' private email addresses, and urged members to update their contact information with the union, if need be.

### **Union Representatives Reports**

Shaun spoke about preparations the Coalition of City Unions is making in advance of contract negotiations set to begin this fall. The coalition is presenting informational meetings on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to educate members prior to release of the 2018 Contract Negotiations Survey. The meetings will explain the bargaining process, the surveys importance, and how to speak to and encourage other members to respond to the survey. The survey will be conducted electronically, although hard copies will be available for those who prefer. The survey will be open from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>. Each union in the coalition will be provided data specific to their membership as well as overall results. Coalition representatives will be reaching out to their membership with results during the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Ray updated the members on the contract reopener related to wage comparison methodology to be used in negotiating the new contract. The coalition has submitted a proposal to the city and meetings are being set to discuss the proposal.

### **Martin Luther King County Labor Council Report**

Shaun spoke about the recent meeting of the MLKCLC. An initiative to support a statewide carbon tax failed to pass the council.

**Good of the Order**

Denise reminded the members of the Local 17 BBQ to be held Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Location is Steel Lake Park, site 2, 2410 S 312<sup>th</sup> St., in Federal Way.

Denise said that she is forwarding the names of those interested in doing New Member Outreach to Chelsea Nelson, PTE 17 Development Director. Chelsea will email new member information and arrange for information packets to be sent for use in outreach.

Denise adjourned the meeting at 12:57pm

Minutes by Joe Steinmeyer