

General Membership Meeting of January 21st, 2010

EVP Ugen called the General Membership meeting to order at 7:29pm.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The roll call of officers was taken; present were: Davis, Ugen, Neubauer, Hollman, Burman, Jackson, Gibson, Nordby, Elrite, Wilcox, Lemire, Urman, Zopp, Popham, Ayele, McClenty, Blanchard, Tomforhde, Back, Ngamne, Meyer, Woodard, Althoff, and Ramnauth

Excused: Schnell, Fritz, Bluhm, Stankovich and Zahn

Initiation of new members was held.

Natalie Jacksons renewed her vow as Trustee.

The minutes from the December Membership meeting were read

The minutes from the January Executive Board meeting were read. A motion was made by Back, seconded by Hollman to approve actions and minutes of the January Executive Board minutes.

Financial update was given by Secretary-Treasurer Davis, with a review of the revenue and expense report for December 2009 as well as the year end 2009 financial report.

New Business,

EVP Ugen reported on the current organizing campaigns; the *3 Days to Change the Labor Movement* blitzes will begin the weekend of April 9-11th and will continue the following two weekends; the goal is to get 340 members within the three week period.

Political Director Rick Varco reported that due to a recently scheduled policy forum Lobby Day will be rescheduled for late March. All members are encouraged to attend the Governor's Forum on January 27th. Discussion was held.

Steve Hunt reported that in Long Term Care their 2009 goal to complete all bargaining by the years end has been accomplished with the exception of two final meetings. Moving into January 2010 work assignments have been restructured, and LTC staff will be using all opportunities with members to discuss the work of the sector and branding the local as the long term care voice in Minnesota.

Dianne Edwards reported that there is an additional Stillwater Medical Group clinic located in the Oak Park Heights Wal-Mart. Additionally, the Twin Cities Hospital contracts are at the printers and distribution to facilities will begin the first full week of February.

Deb Nelson introduced the MAC staff and reported the MAC will hold its 2nd retreat to review their work and see where improvements can be made.

Chief of Staff Jamie Gulley that Allina consultants are calling for lay-offs in 5 hospitals; Delegates are working on potential issues, and are currently waiting for additional information before moving forward. In SouthEast MN, Rochester Methodist Hospital started negotiations; the employer has already agreed to 10-12 SEIU proposals.

Gulley additionally reported on the current contract negotiations for Minnesota Epilepsy Group while introducing Bargaining Team member Glenn, who spoke about the employers' proposal to get rid of steps and freeze wages among other take-backs. However, the group is standing together and ready to fight. More information will be forthcoming about informational picketing to be held outside of United Hospital.

S-T Davis reviewed the process to authorize access to the International Strike Fund.

A motion was made by Althoff to authorize access to the International strike fund for MEG members, seconded by Nelson. The motion carried.

EVP Ugen reported on the Executive Boards authorization of a \$5,000 donation to Haiti on behalf of SEIU HC MN. If there are members interested in going to help out in Florida and Haiti there are opportunities available through SEIU.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Back, seconded by Freeman. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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