

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota
Executive Board Business Meeting
January 21st, 2010

Secretary-Treasurer Davis called the Executive Board meeting to order at 5:31pm.

The Roll call of Executive Board members was taken. Present were: Davis, Ugen, Neubauer, Hollman, Burman, Jackson, Gibson, Nordby, Elrite, Wilcox, Lemire, Urman, Zopp, Ayele, McClenty, Blanchard, Popham, Tomforhde, Back, Ngamne, Meyer, Woodard, Althoff, and Ramnauth

Excused were: Schnell, Bluhm, Fritz, Stankovich, and Zahn

The minutes of the December Executive Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Back, seconded by Hollman, and carried to approve the previous Executive Board minutes.

Officer reports were given.

President Schnell's report was suspended.

Secretary-Treasurer Davis reviewed the revenues and expenses for December 2009 as well as the entire year of 2009.

Executive Vice President Ugen reported SEIU HC MN will be sending members to Wisconsin to help on a home care organizing campaign through the international; additionally an update was given on the current local organizing campaigns, and the work around the 3 days blitz in April.

Victory Round-up

Executive Board Members discussed various victories or something positive in their facilities.

Director Reports were suspended.

Committee reports were suspended.

Communications

A donation request was received for the SEIU Help Haiti Initiative.

A motion was made by McClenty to donate \$5000 for the SEIU Help Haiti Initiative, seconded by Wilcox. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

A request was received for Member Renee Wilhite for a \$50 tree-planting donation in lieu of flowers in memoriam of her husband.

A motion was made by Blanchard to donate \$50 for Wilhite in memoriam of her husband, seconded by Nordby. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

A donation request was received from the Minnesota State Retiree Council Fundraiser for \$60.

A motion was made by Blanchard to donate \$60 for the Minnesota State Retiree Council Fundraiser, seconded by Althoff. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

A donation request was received from Workers Independent News in Madison, WI; the request was tabled.

S-T Davis noted that Roger Jensen was named a 2009 Super Lawyer.

Thank you letters were received from Milan Public Library, Anoka County Meals on Wheels, Central Lakes College, Jensen, Bell, Converse & Erickson, Community Crossroads Hospice, Shades of Yellow, and Minnesota AFL-CIO Holiday Reception.

New Business

The 2010 Open House will be held on Wednesday, July 28th from 11 – 7pm. Renee Burman gave an update on the plans for the day.

S-T Davis reviewed the 2010 Annual Affiliation, Membership and Donation Recommendations.

A motion was made by Urman to accept the recommendation for the 2010 Annual Affiliation, Membership, and Donations, seconded by Woodard. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

An update was given on the potential MEG Strike and use of the strike fund.

A motion was made by McClenty to authorize access to the International strike fund for MEG members, seconded by Wilcox. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding Paternity/Maternity leave for SEIU HC MN staff, the discussion was tabled.

Executive Session

Appeals Board Report

Serina Dorley, Providence Place, Weamah Wright, Methodist, and Ian Birdsall, Abbott Northwestern appeared before the Appeals Committee.

The Appeals Committee recommended not to pursue the cases of Dorley and Birdsall and asked for additional documentation before a final decision is made regarding the case of Wright.

A motion was made by Burman to accept the recommendation of the Appeals Committee, seconded by Hollman. The motion carried.

Bills were reviewed; a motion was made by Hollman to approve the bills paid, seconded by Nordby. The motion was carried.

The organizing department is hiring a new organizer who starts next week.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Woodard, seconded by Urman. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

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