

OPEIU Local 8 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter meeting location: Kent/Auburn Date: Saturday, September 8, 2012

The Chapter was called to order at: 10:16 a.m. By: Valancy Blackwell

Initiation of New Members: Monica Reyes (Sea Mar Behavioral Health) was sworn in

Special Order of Business:

Nomination and election of Chapter Chair:

Nominee(s): _____

Elected: Jane Crigler moved into this position

Nominations and election of Chapter Chair-Elect:

Nominee(s): Sara Jimenez

Elected: Sara Jimenez

Officer Roll Call as follows: Chair: Jane Crigler

Chair Elect: Sara Jimenez

Executive Board Member(s)/Officers: Valancy Blackwell

Kathi Scott

Staff: Amanda Saylor

No. of Members in Attendance: 8

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and: no amendments were required.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF

Amanda reported that workers at Group Health ratified a good new contract after nine months of negotiations. • Difficult negotiations recently wrapped up at Valley Medical, where they won maintenance of medical benefits and a 2% annual increase. • After two years of negotiations, the King County Dental contract is heading for mediation. • The Local is working on recruiting more shop stewards.

Valancy encouraged attendance at the upcoming 9/22 membership assembly in Yakima.

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Valancy reported on the WSLC Convention held in Wenatchee in August, encouraging members to run for the WSLC delegate positions at the election in January.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Several long-time members expressed concern that new shop stewards aren't receiving the basic core curriculum they need under the new governance structure. There was also mention of the need to ensure all workers know who their shop steward is, and to recruit new stewards.

Amanda suggested sharing the brochure created by Group Health workers about their stewards and union representation with other groups as a template for their own communications.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:05 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Valancy Blackwell