

IBEW 159 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-12-2024

Meeting was called to order at: 5:32

All officers were present: Dave Boetcher was excused

Swear in any New Members: 2 new members were sworn in

_August_____ bills were posted in the back. MMSP to pay bills

August meeting minutes were posted in the back. Minutes stand

Treasurer's report given by: Greg Storkson

Total income:273,880.24

Expenses:208,549.28

Net Income:65,330.96

Balance sheet report:

Beginning Cash; 4,806,082.93

Ending Cash: 4,862,468.18

Total Assets: 9,140,711.61

Motion to suspend regular meeting at 5:45 for a speaker from Previant Insurance. Casey Shorts gave a presentation about workers comp issues. Return to normal meeting at 6:14.

Communications:

Motion to accept bother Justin Deoliveira, card number 8618528, into local 159 from local 68.

Executive Board Report: MMSP to accept report

Business Agent Report: Book report by Josh Stern. Lots of open calls from many contractors.

Organizer Report: by Pablo Baxter. Member thank you lunch for Van Ert at Saputo cheese. Went to job fair in the Dells. Working on several career fairs for upcoming jobs in the next few years.

Discussion about youth apprenticeship.

Business Manager's Report: By Mike Killian. Lots of work coming up in the local and the nation. The Amazon project has started in Cottage Grove. There have been some changes to the website to make it easier to report harassment. There will be an IBEW strong and steward training coming up. There will also be more stewards placed on jobsites. There will also be some additional training with one of our lawyers. There has been an increase of over 110,000 "A" members in the last 12 years. A big thank you to those who helped set up for Laborfest.

MMSP to spend up to \$15,000 on Local 159 merch such as T-shirts, hats etc.

RENEW Committee Report: By Ben Cassel. Golf outing is coming up on Saturday, still time to sign up.

Pension Committee: None

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC): by Shaun Daniels. EWMC was there for setup and teardown at Laborfest. The first Cornhole tournament went very well, lots of great prizes.

MMSP to send up to 8 people to St. Louis for the EWMC conference. Projected cost is around \$33,000.

Political committee by Shane Gibson. Yard signs should be available next week from the international, but quantity is in doubt.

MMSP to spend up to \$2000 on political signs for the members.

Political incentive is still here, the more you volunteer the more you can win. Phone banking and literature drops always need help.

Education committee by Joe Balocowski. Classes are in full swing, sign up if you need CEU's. Tim is looking for feedback from apprentices on scheduling. They are looking at adding another classroom into the new building.

Womens committee by Cassie Sculler and Angie Trulen. Trunk or treat is coming up soon, November 2nd with location to be determined. Looking at partnering with the humane society and Bikes for Kids. There will be a movie and snacks for everyone.

MMSP to spend up to \$1500 to pay for the event including a bouncy house.

MMSP to donate up to 5 items of local 159 merchandise (hats, t-shirt, coffee mug, etc) for Futurquest.

Request Committee by Cale Lewindowski.

MMSP to donate \$1000 to the LaFollette high school Volleyball team.

Unfinished business: None

New Business: MMSP to sponsor the WJJO radiothon for \$3050.

Motion to buy a griddle for the Blackstone to be able to cook vegan food separately. The cost will be about \$100. Motion amended to spend up to \$500 for a grill, griddle, or anything else that might be needed to feed people. Amended motion passed.

Good of the Union: Member is looking for a dollar bank transfer. Several members volunteered. Member shared his story about how he joined the local, and what the union can do to keep improving. Outreach Magic festival went well. DSPS license background check is probably bogus. Money earned from the cornhole tourney will go to backpacks for kids and Santa's Workshop. There will be a Townhall meeting with peter Barca and Mark Pocan this Saturday.

Moment of silence for Pete Broadly

Suchoman Winners: \$120

Attendance Winner: Ben Cisler won \$100.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:38

Respectfully submitted by: Kevin Klepper