

## **IBEW 159 General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 12/14/2023

**Meeting was called to order at:** 5:31pm

**Officers present:**, Tim Bates, Cale Lewindowski, Dave Boetcher, Jim Binger, Shaun Daniels  
Greg Storkson, Kevin Klepper

**Excused absence**

**Swear in New Members:** 5 new members was sworn in.

**Oct 2023** Minutes were posted. **MMSA to approve.**

**Oct. 2023** bills were posted in the back. **MMSA to pay the bills.**

**Treasurer's report:** given by Greg Storkson

**Total income:** \$306,020.26

**Expenses:** \$577,866.92

**Net Income:** \$(271,846.66)

**Balance sheet report:**

**Beginning Cash:** \$4,603,597.46

**Ending Cash:** \$4,771,763.03

**Total Assets:** \$7,854,353.29

**Communications:** We received a thank you from Second Harvest, United Way of Dane County, Sparrow Foundation, and For Petes Sake.

**Executive Board Report:** Read by Kevin Klepper **MMS&P** to approve.

**Business Agent Report:** Dave Boetcher gave the book report.

### **Book Report**

JIW BK1 – 20

JIW BK2 – 6

INSIDE APPRENTICE – 0

RES BK1 – 0

VDV Tech BK1 – 0

VDV TRAINEE – 0

CE BK1 – 0

CE BK2 – 1

CW BK1 – 10

CW BK2 – 0

CWR BK1 – 0

There is 27 open calls for JW's.

**Organizer's Report:** By Josh Stern. Several career fairs this month. Worker appreciation at Blattner in Cobb. Job Fair coming up in April. Joch asked again for members to help in organizing.

**Business Manager's Report:** By Mike Killian. Work picture is still good, spring looks to be very, very busy. There are several busy shops, if anyone is not working they should call the hall. There was an international rep here today for financial training. If anyone wants to start the 401k, the paperwork needs to be done tonight. Mike wants to thank Mark Hoffman for his years of service on the pension committee. They are always looking for help on Fantasy in Lights. A big Thanks to Carol Grundahl on the apprenticeship committee. MMSP to approve Carol Grundahl Pension. Motion to approve a donation to Shelter from the storm. This is to fix a mix up from a previous motion. There are 2 groups with the same name, and the check went to the incorrect group. This motion is to get a check to the intended group. Motion is held over until next month. MMSP to spend up to \$2500 on a retirees luncheon. MMSP to buy \$50 gift cards to all retirees. MMSP to accept Keegan Thompson into Local 159 from Local 14. Francis Hyatt, Baxter Brown, Elmer Racek, and Rod Hillenbrand all passed away.

**RENEW Committee Report:** By Ben Cassel. The axe throwing event went well, maybe the best ever attendance for a renew event. Polar Plunge is coming in February. MMSP to donate \$7500 to special Olympics for the Polar Plunge. This is a re-vote from last month.

**EWMC** by Shaun Daniels. Looking for help manning the booths for fantasy in lights. There are still a few spots open for volunteers. Santas workshop will be Dec.16. MMSP to send Mike Killian to the EWMC conference.

**Womens Committee:** Karli Fahney gave the report. There was a big thanks for sending a delegation to the Trade Womens Build Nations. There was a very good financial class. The committee is concerned that some employers would retaliate against employees who take of work to attend.

**Education Committee:** Ben Cisler.

**Exam Board:**

**Legislative Committee:**

**Audit Committee:**

**Pension Committee:** Mark Hoffmann gave his final report. His years of service are greatly appreciated. The fund in general is improving, there are 2 funds that are being looked at to replace. Our average plan balance is \$208,000. Mark asked all members and especially committees for artwork for the hall that represent what we do.

**Unfinished business: None**

**New Business:** Motion to send ML Robertson to EWMC conference was rejected. A Aurther Anderson started the process of transferring his membership into Local 159.

**Good of the Union:** Shane Gibson commented on the parking lot lights. Dave Boetcher is running for Dane County Board, and encouraged others to do so as well. Dave also encouraged us to all get along, and behave well with our co-workers. The Saturday code classes were very well done. There is rumors of combining the South Central with the South Building trades conference.

Moment of silence was held foe Elmer Racek, Francis Hyatt, Baxter Brown, and Rod Hillenbrand.

Suchoman Scholarship 4 Winners  
Suchomen raised \$130

**Attendance winner:** \$100 went to Josh Stern

**Meeting Adjourned at:** \_\_7:30pm\_\_

**Respectfully submitted by:** Kevin Klepper