

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

**Date: 3-9-2023**

**Meeting was called to order at: 5:30pm**

**Officers present:** Kevin Klepper, Tim Bates, Cale Lewindowski, Dave Boetcher, Jim Binger

**Excused absence** Shaun Daniels

**Swear in New Members:** 1 new member were sworn in.

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

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

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

**Total income: \$ 333,820.96**

**Expenses: \$247,813.06**

**Net Income: \$86,007.90**

**Balance sheet report:**

**Beginning Cash: \$6,542,644.12**

**Ending Cash: \$6,608,795.80**

**Total Assets: \$ 7,322,344.81**

**Communications:** MMS&P to donate \$1000 to the Brianne Sleeter foundation

MMS&P to donate \$1000 to second harvest food bank

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

**Business Agent Report:** Dave Boetcher gave the book report. 20 referrals in the last month. Still open calls for JW.

### **Book Report**

JIW BK1 – 30

JIW BK2 – 23

INSIDE APPRENTICE – 1

RES BK1 – 0

VDV Tech BK1 – 0

VDV TRAINEE – 0

CE BK1 – 0

CE BK2 – 1

CW BK1 – 19

CW BK2 – 1

CWR BK1 – 0

All contingencies have been met on the purchase of the new building except approval from the International. Hopefully this will be met soon. Dave is looking into getting tax assistance for any repairs on the new building.

**Organizer's Report:** Josh Stern. Organizer boot camp was at the Concourse. Contractor class had over 25 people from our local, and over 50 total from all locals. Pablo gave a presentation to Boys and Girls club. Organizing Blitz in Local 14. New rules for organizing incentive, call Josh for more details.

Jim Binger spoke about the contractor class. The class discussed banking, insurance, bonding and the like. There was a lot of information, and seemed like a very good class.

**Business Manager's Report:** Work outlook is very good for the upcoming year throughout the local and state. There is going to be a continued need for large apprentice classes. The pension will be adding a dividend fund to the menu. There will be an increase in health insurance this year. They are working on setting up a Stewards class, and a retirement seminar. J. Ranck was very impressed with the quality of our work at the solar job in Portage.

**RENEW Committee Report:** By Mitch Johnson. Polar Plunge raised about \$4000 for Special Olympics. Highway pickup will resume in spring when the weather breaks.

**EWMC** by Barret Locatelli. There will be a bowling event on March 25 at 6PM at Dream Lanes.

**Womens Committee:** none

**Exam Board:** by Josh Stern: JW test was passed by Brian Rooney and Michel Gueltzow.

**Vet's Committee:** none.

**Audit Committee:** none.

**Pension Committee:** none.

**Building Committee Report:** none

**LMCC:** none.

**Unfinished business:** None

**New Business:** Motion that wage increase allocation be an in-person vote and not an online survey. Motion was tabled. MMS&P to buy lunch or dinner for any class lasting 4 hours or longer. MMS&P that the membership must ratify the new contract, it cannot be ratified by the negotiating committee.

**Good of the Union:** There will be incentives for phone banking for the spring election. Mitch Johnson gave a report on the EWMC conference in Denver. Gene Fleming discussed some of the shortcomings of our health insurance.

**Suchoman Scholarship** \$ 69

**Winners:** \_\_4 winners\_\_

**Attendance winner:** \$100 went to Ryan Goth

**Meeting Adjourned at:** \_\_\_\_\_7:05pm\_\_\_\_\_

**Respectfully submitted by:** Kevin Klepper, Recording Secretary