

## IBEW 159 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-10-2024

Meeting was called to order at: 5:31

All the officers were present: Shaun Daniels and Dave Boetcher excused

Swear in any New Members: 2 new members were sworn in and presented with tape measure holders.

September 12, 2024, bills were posted in the back. MMSP to pay bills

September meeting minutes were posted in the back. MMSP to approve minutes.

Treasurer's report given by: Greg Storkson

Total income: \$360,292.59

Expenses: \$227,839.46

Net Income: \$132,453.13

Balance sheet report:

Beginning Cash; \$4,884,952.05

Ending Cash: \$5,035,716.42

Total Assets: \$9,313,959.85

Motion to suspend regular meetings at 5:36 for a speaker from Madison Public Schools Foundation. There is a referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot for \$507,000,000 for 10 new schools.

There was also a speaker from the City of Madison regarding a city referendum as well.

MMSP to return to regular order at 6:07.

Communications: We received a thank you letter from IBEW Local 46.

There were 2 letters received at the E-board that are referenced below.

Executive Board Report: The Recording Secretary received the following letter, dated September 20, 2024.

Recording Secretary

Local Union #159, IBEW

5303 Fen Oak Drive

Madison Wi 53718

Dear Brother Klepper:

I, David Boetcher, card number D728659, a member of Local Union #159, IBEW, hereby prefer charges against brother William Hale, member of Local Union 159, IBEW, whose last known address 4608 County Road S, for violation of the following:

Constitution Article XXV Section 1 Subsection (a), (g), & (t)

The violations occurred on or about 7/26/2024, 7/30/2024, and 9/18/2024, at the Epic campus in Verona.

Specially called Eboard on Oct. 7 regarding a lawsuit by Sue Blue

MMSP to accept report

Business Agent Report: By Pablo Baxter. Still open calls.

Organizer Report: Josh Stern. Several new members organized last month, with a networking event for smaller contractors. Dash Electric has also signed a letter of assent.

Business Manager's Report: By Mike Killian. Work outlook is still very strong. Amazon warehouse in Cottage Grove is just starting. There is a bit of a lull with some contractors, but they all have work upcoming. All members should get out and vote.

MMSP to send Josh Stern to EWMC conference in St. Louis.

MMSP to buy and insurance rider does not exceed \$300 for the bounce house for Trunk or Treat.

MMSP to buy retiree gift cards not to exceed \$15,000.

MMSP to endorse both the city of Madison referendum and the Madison school referendum.

MMSP to donate \$25 per cap to IO political fund.

MMSP to donate \$1000 to SCFL for political activities.

MMSP to approve pension reading for Jeff Crocker, Charles Cerra and Pat Fahey.

Michael Mcdaniel passed away.

RENEW Committee Report: By Vince Steiner. The monthly meeting is 4:30 at the hall before the union meeting. The Golf outing went well and raised over \$750. There will be one more highway cleanup, on Oct. 27.

Pension Committee: None

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC): by Barrett Locatelli. EWMC is looking for volunteers for Fantasy in Lights.

Political committee by Shane Gibson. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to do phone banking for the state AFL/CIO. There will be an IBEW local 890 canvassing day for those that would like to.

MMSP to donate \$2000 to Wisconsin Senate Democratic Committee from the PAC fund.

Education committee by Tim Templeton. Fall night school classes are starting to wind down. They are working hard to improve scheduling. There is always a need for more teachers. They are working to apply for various grants, anyone with grant writing skills should talk to Tim. 1901 donated a 555 bender, a big thanks to them. A reminder that all classes are free to JW, CE, and CW's and you do get stare approved CEU's.

Women's committee by Karli Fahey and Cassie Schuller. Trunk or treat is upcoming, they would like some volunteers to help decorate. Lots of fun for the kids. The Women's committee monthly meeting is at 4:30 at the hall. The IBEW women's conference had some good classes on how to structure a local women's committee. They are working with DAIS supporting the DAIS Wishlist.

Request Committee by Cale Lewindowski

Mitch Johnson was a delegate at the AFL/CIO convention in Lacrosse and gave a report. Mitch won the organizer of the year for the entire stare. Congratulation Mitch.

Fantasy in Lights / Retirees committee by Tom Lemons. They started working on FIL in February.

Unfinished business: None

New Business: MMSP to spend up to \$2500 on a tool set and cabinet to be kept at the hall.

MMSP to buy another new grill for and amount not to exceed \$1500. This is a separate grill from last month. Last month's grill was reserved for vegetarian use.

MMSP to sponsor the Latino Academy of Workforce Development open house and continuing programing for \$1000.

MMSP to donate \$500 to Robin Booth for Community Closet.

Motion to donate \$2000 for Shelter from the Storm. Motion was held over until next month.

Good of the Union: A thank you to Mitch Johnson for all he does for our local. Discussion about another retirement benefit information meeting. The women's conference was very informative. We all need to stand up to bad behavior if we see it on the job. We all need to respect other people's political beliefs. The volleyball team is very thankful for the donation last month. Pat Fahey gave a huge thanks for a donation to him by the local (via pass the hat) 36 years ago.

Moment of silence held for brother Micheal McDaniel.

Suchoman Winners: \$231 raised

Attendance Winner: Jake Schwanke won \$100.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:55

Respectfully submitted by: Kevin Klepper