

IBEW 159 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-11-2021

Meeting was called to order at: 5:30pm

All officers were present (except): Katie Hunt (excused)

Swear in any New Members: 3 new member was sworn in. Names not available.

October 2021 Minutes were posted on table and approved by membership

October 2021 bills were posted in the back. MMSA to pay the bills.

Treasurer's report given by: Greg Storkson

Total income: \$ 217,954.02

Expenses: \$ 169,577.66

Net Income: \$ 48,376.36

Balance sheet report:

Beginning Cash: \$ 5,519,003.98

Ending Cash: \$ 5,455,918.00

Total Assets: \$ 6,253,580.51

Communications:

Thank you from IBEW Local 9 for supporting their golf outing. Labor History Society reminded us of their essay contest for high schoolers. MMSP to donate \$1000 to 2nd Harvest Food Bank. MMSP to donate \$500 to American Cancer Society. MMSP to donate \$1000 to the John Deere/UAW Local 74 Strike Fund. MMSP to continue our membership in Wisconsin Labor History Society for \$100. MMSP to contribute \$14,508 to the International for per caps.

Executive Board Report: Not posted. Will post next month

Business Agent Report: Ken Juengenburg gave the book report:

The local still has a few open calls, but work is slowing down a bit.

Book 1:

Journeyman/Wiremen: 42

Apprentices: 4

CECW: 0

Residential: 0

VDV: 3

Organizer's Report:

Damon Glenn says there is a virtual membership development conference and the Southern US is experiencing significant market growth. Local 494 is having a Contractor Training Course, if any of our members want to attend, please contact the hall.

Casey Healy has been busy combining data gathered from last month's membership blitz. Pieper has a new solar project for SunVest/Dane County. This stems from a successful project completed years ago.

Business Manager's Report:

Sue Blue says the labor temple bar is closed again, and for the near future it will be hit or miss if it's ever open. Right now in our pension trust there is 1,460 members. The breakdown is: 715 Journeyman/wiremen, 112 CWs, 32 CEs, 65 VDV's, 9 Residential, 245 inside apprentices, 17 installers, 9VDV apprentices, 9 BA cards, 280 retirees. There was a pension reading for Tim Bortz and Gary Popple. Sue would like to thank all members who came to the JATC to speak about re-instating apprentice rotation. And finally, Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families.

RENEW Committee Report:

RENEW was given by Mitch Johnson. There will be a labor history Movie Night Nov. 13th.

EWMC Committee Report:

Shawn Daniels says their day of service will be Nov. 20th.

Women's Group: Carli Fahney reported that the Trunk or Treat event went very well and will return next year. Lisa Goodman said there will be an open house for apprentice week.

Vet's Committee: none.

Audit Committee: none.

Pension Committee: none

Exam Board: none.

Unfinished business:

None

New Business: MMSP to pay Pablo Baxter for 5 days of wages and benefits for him to attend a Pension Conference. MMSP to move the regularly scheduled Union Meeting to the Union Hall in McFarland starting in January of 2022.

Good of the Union:

Lisa Goodman spoke of the importance of treating all members with respect and welcoming to everyone. There will be a member of Local 159 featured on WORT radio discussing some of the challenges and highlights of being a gay construction worker. Casey reminded everyone to enjoy Holiday Fantasy in Lights.

Suchoman Scholarship \$ __62__

Winners: __Rebecca Shaave, John Whitehall, Greg Storkson__

Attendance winner: \$100 went to Preston Cunningham

Meeting Adjourned at: _____ **6:38pm** _____

Respectfully submitted by: Kevin Klepper, Recording Secretary