

IBEW 159 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-09-22

Meeting was called to order at: 5:30pm

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

Swear in any New Members: 4 new members were sworn in.

May 2022 Minutes were posted on table and approved by membership

May 2022 bills were posted in the back. MMSA to pay the bills.

Treasurer's report given by: Greg Storkson

Total income: \$ 234,842.24

Expenses: \$ 182,487.17

Net Income: \$ 52,355.07

Balance sheet report:

Beginning Cash: \$ 5,652,576.21

Ending Cash: \$ 5,601,897.19

Total Assets: \$ 6,387,152.74

Communications:

We received a thank you from Badger Honor Flight and SMART Local Union 565. MMSP to donate \$300 to the IBEW Local 9 Golf Outing.

Executive Board Report: Read aloud by Kevin Klepper.

Business Agent Report: Ken Juengenburg said there have been 15 or so open calls from multiple contractors.

Book 1:

Journeyman/Wiremen: 38

Apprentices: n/a

CECW: n/a

VDV: 5

Organizer's Report:

Damon Glenn says Badger Hollow will be ramping up in late August, they have their supply chain issues straightened out. There will be another Organizing Blitz coming up in Dane County. Reminder of the Member Incentive for helping to organize new members.

Business Agent Report: Lisa Goodman gave an overview of all the new info available on the new website. Roughly 20% of active members have logged into the website so far this year. SMART Local 565 settled their strike with Trachte in Sun Prairie, showed our strength when we all stick together. All resolutions passed at the IO convention are now online. A friendly reminder to everyone that the primary election is coming up on August 9th.

****MMSP to suspend the normal order of business****

One new member was sworn in. MMSP to return to normal order**

Business Manager's Report:

Sue Blue says new apprentices are now being placed. This year there is a cap of 39, and 17 have been accepted so far. On May 30th they had a meeting with NICA about Fantasy in Lights and the disproportionate amount of work the Union members do versus the contractors. There was a Labor Management meeting with portability being the main topic of discussion. Porting VDV techs is an on-going issue. Apprentices from Local 494 are working in Local 159's jurisdiction unreported. New member orientation is ramping up after COVID. The Hall is trying to get all newly organized members into a Labor History class. Recently there has been an uptick of interest in members starting their own business. There is also a new program for residential customers in the amount of \$100 to install an EV charging station, and \$500 for a complete solar install. Retired brother John Yurs passed away.

RENEW Committee Report:

RENEW was given by Mitch Johnson. MMSP to donate \$500 to the Magic Outreach Festival. RENEW will need volunteers for the Pursuit of Happiness festival to help pour beer.

EWMC Committee Report: Shawn Daniels says EWMC was at Take A Kid Fishing Day and all went well, and they will have a booth set up at the Juneteenth Celebration in June. The meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome.

Women's Group: Lisa Goodman says the Women's Group was at Take a Kid fishing Day and had a wonderful Saturday. Midwest School for Women's workers is coming up. Contact Lisa if you would like to go.

Vet's Committee: none.

Audit Committee: none.

Pension Committee: none.

Exam Board: none.

Unfinished business: none.

New Business: MMSP for registration, lost wages, mileage, and lodging for up to 4 people to attend Labor Notes in Chicago. MMSP to allocate up to \$2000 for microphones for the hall. The E-board will research and act on the purchase. Motion to buy a new flag failed. New flags have already been purchased and will be replaced shortly.

Good of the Union: none

****Moment of silence for Retired brother John Yurs****

Suchoman Scholarship \$ 140

Winners: 5 winners

Attendance winner: \$100 went to Molly Battist

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kevin Klepper, Recording Secretary