

Minutes
Chapter 24 Meeting
February 10, 2011
12:05 PM
79 Elm Street
Russell Room 3rd Floor
Hartford

President Chuck Lee called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.

Secretary's Report

President Chuck Lee asked the membership, without objection, to accept the Secretary's Report for the January 13, 2011 Chapter 24 meeting. There were no objections. The secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Donna Seresin provided a verbal summary and provided a written Treasurer's Report to the Secretary. There were no questions from the assembly on the report.

President's Report

Cost Saving Ideas for Connecticut's Budget: President Chuck Lee reported that CSEA SEIU Local 2001 President Patrice Peterson indicated that state employees cost savings solutions to aid Governor Malloy develop Connecticut's budget totaled 1 billion dollars in savings. These "cost saving ideas" were not "employee concessions" and all discussions to date between the Malloy administration and SEBAC were discussions only (there have been no formal negotiations and "employee concessions" have not been formally discussed).

Governor's Leave for Weather Delays: President Chuck Lee reported that there has been some confusion lately about the ability to use the Governor's authorized delay in start time for non-essential employees because of bad weather. If member's have questions, please see a P-4 steward or Chapter Officer for assistance.

CT Fair Economy Project: President Chuck Lee reported that a new date for the CT Fair Economy member leadership conference has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 5th, 2011. President Chuck Lee spoke of the constant attack on state employees by a former convicted felon on a local radio station. President Lee encouraged Chapter 24 members to attend this leadership conference to gain valuable skills and tools in talking and communicating with the media and others in their communities about the value of public service employees. Chapter 24 members should frequently check the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 webpage for the most current information on the upcoming budget and how our union and SEBAC will respond.

Committee Reports

Chapter 24 Social Activities Committee: Kate Knight reported that there had been no recent activity.

Chapter 24 By-Laws Committee: President Chuck Lee reported that he was still waiting to meet with CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Executive Director Robert Rinker to discuss the CSEA staff time as it would relate to our elections.

P-4 Delegate Report: President Chuck Lee reported that the January 6, 2011 P-4 Council Delegate meeting was uneventful and no notable business was conducted.

Labor Management Committee: President Lee reported that at the last Labor Management discussions included the Governor's leave for weather and part-time employee status in the agency.

Old Business

None

New Business

Vice President Steve Anderson reported on "Better Choices for Connecticut" events which included "CT Voices for Children" and their respective web pages.

Secretary Dawn McKay encouraged Chapter 24 members to attend an "action" that was being organized in front of Bank of America at noon on February 14, 2011 at the Main Street Branch in Hartford. Fliers on the event were provided.

President Chuck Lee read a press release regarding the proposed merger of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Utilities Control into a new agency called Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). President Lee also reported on the appointment of Daniel Esty, from Yale as the new DEEP Commissioner.

Good and Welfare

D. Seresin moved to purchase a \$25.00 gift card for Susan Zampaglione. D. Fox seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

D. McKay moved to send a "thinking of you" card to Cheryl Chase. D. Fox seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Without objection of the member's the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn M. McKay
Chapter 24 Secretary