

Minutes
CSEA SEIU Local 2001
Chapter 24
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 11, 2010
79 Elm Street
Russell Room, 3rd Floor
Hartford

Meeting called to order by President Sandy Brunelli at 12:06 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

C. Lee moved to accept the Secretary's report for the Regular Chapter 24 meeting held on February 11, 2010. The motion was seconded. L. Kostiuk made a correction under Chapter 24 Communications Report for the February 11, 2010 meeting. The correction was "L. Kostiuk reported that CSEA SEIU Local 2001 ~~may~~ **will** move to a more secure website format with usernames and passwords **at myseiu.org**. There was no additional discussion or corrections. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

C. Lee moved to Table the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

President's Reports:

President Brunelli introduced CSEA SEIU Local 2001 political director Daniel Medress. Mr. Medress discussed the Gubernatorial Forum sponsored by SEBAC slated for Saturday March 20, 2010 in West Hartford. Chapter 24 members were encouraged to participate. Mr. Medress addressed union activities, legislative efforts and the "Change to Win" Campaign.

President Brunelli reported that recently there had been a lot of questions asked by Chapter 24 members regarding 40 hour work week. The P-4 contract language for the 40 hour work week needs to be negotiated with the individual agency and is typically based on budget and workload. There are currently budgetary constraints at DEP and 40 hours is not possible at this time. President Brunelli pointed out that there are members interested in 40 hours and others that interested in keeping 35 hours.

President Brunelli also suggested that if this is pursued when the environment is better that the agreement would need to be for the good of the whole and flexible enough to maintain good working conditions. The 40 hour option could be an extension of the AWS and negotiated at the DEP Labor Management Committee. But at this time the DEP is not in a position to offer 40 hours.

P-4 Council Report: C. Lee stated that at the last P-4 Council meeting it was again reported that "HealthNet" would no longer be an option under the state employee health care choices and members would have to elect a different company during open enrollment (Anthem BC/BS or United Health). A. Schwentke also reported that money would be available for wellness programs in both health care vendors.

Chapter 24 Member Involvement: President Brunelli indicated that the Chapter Officers were scheduled to meet with the committee that was appointed for field member involvement to discuss their progress and address any outstanding issues. President Brunelli reported that the committee has worked diligently on this complex issue.

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Brunelli appointed Dave Fox, Tracy Lizzotte, Michael Trahoitis, Neal Williams and Helen Robbins to the Chapter 24 Nominations Committee for the 2010 elections. C. Lee moved to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed. President Brunelli explained the positions (Chapter Officers, Chapter Delegates to the P-4 Council and Chapter Delegates to the 2010 CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Convention) that would be elected on May 13, 2010. President Brunelli also explained the process and procedures in the Chapter 24 Bylaws that pertain to the Chapter 24 elections. President Brunelli indicated that Chapter 24 members would be notified of the nominations procedures via emails and postings on the Union Bulletin Boards.

Good and Welfare:

D. Fox moved to donate \$50.00 to the Assumption School in Ansonia in memory of Chapter 24 Treasurer Donna Seresin's mom, Gloria Fainer. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

B. Hannan moved to donate \$25.00 to the Middlesex Hospital Weiss Hospice Unit in memory of Chapter 24 member Tom Nosal's dad, Louis S. Nosal. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

A. Schwentke announced that the P-4 Council Summer Picnic would be held July 16, 2010 at the Farmington Club.

President Brunelli entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. McKay
Secretary
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