

CSEA/SEIU2001 P-4 COUNCIL CHAPTER 9 REPORT OF MEETINGS 2010 SUMMARY

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January 12, 2010

The January 12, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M. Approximately 15 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary. Mr. Kevin Ng presented the treasurers report.

A motion was made to accept the December secretary's report and passed.

The January P4 council meeting was rescheduled to January 21, 2010.

A 2.5% wage increase is due in July, 2010.

Union dues have gone up to \$30.

SEBAC is meeting with the State about the current budget problems.

The Union is seeking members who would like to be Stewards. Anyone who is interested, please see Peter Macher.

At this time, there will be no grandfathering of engineers without P.E. licenses.

Chapter 9 members are reminded to attend the P4 Council meetings on the first Tuesday of every month.

Members are reimbursed \$15 for travel expenses.

The Chapter 9 website is up and running. It can be linked from the CSEA website.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

February 9, 2010

The February 9, 2010 meeting of CSEA, P-4, Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 pm. Approximately 15 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion to accept the January 2010 secretary's report was made and passed.

Mr. Kevin Ng presented the treasurers report.

It was decided that our recently formed chapter audit committee will perform an audit on ourselves in the near future.

We were reminded that we have chapter elections in June.

HealthNet will no longer provide health insurance to state employees as of July 1, 2010.

Anyone who has them should find another provider and switch during open enrollment in May.

The pay plan for our extended contract is on the union website, the one for 40hrs. is FS, the one for 35hrs. is ES.

A motion was made to ask Bob Rinker for a 5/4 schedule update. The motion was passed.

It was discussed whether or not state employee names and salaries that are posted on a website were allowed through the FOI act.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Sincerely submitted, Michael B. Cohen, Chapter 9 Vice President

March 9, 2010

The March 9, 2010 meeting of CSEA, P-4, Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Michael Cohen at 12:00 pm. Approximately 10 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion to accept the February 2010 secretary's report was made and passed.

Mr. Kevin Ng presented the treasurers report.

Mr. Peter Macher went over highlights from the monthly P-4 council meeting, including the following:

The CSEA convention will be held on September 24, 2010.

We were reminded that we have chapter elections in June.

HealthNet will no longer provide health insurance to state employees as of July 1, 2010. Anyone who has them should find another provider and switch during open enrollment in May.

Chapter 9 summer picnic to be held on July 1, 2010.

The union is going to conduct a survey of its members to find out who has professional licensing.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Sincerely submitted, Michael B. Cohen, Chapter 9 Vice President

April 13, 2010

The April 13, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M. This was a combined meeting with Chapter 224. Approximately 50 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion was made to accept the March secretary's report and passed.

A motion was made to accept the March treasurer's report and passed.

Mr. John Vitale, P-4 President, talked about the recent request from the Governor's office for more givebacks from state employees. The Unions did not agree to any more givebacks, but made suggestions for cost savings to the state. Suggestions about streamlining and ways to make state government more efficient were declined by the state.

Mr. Vitale reminded everyone that council and chapter elections are coming up.

Mr. Macher stated that tuition scholarship funds have been used up for this year.

Printed union contract books should be arriving in May.

The P-4 Council summer picnic will be held Friday, July 16, 2010, at the Farmington Club. Cost for members will \$25 after rebates from local chapters.

Andy Stern, President of SEIU will be stepping down.

A motion was made to donate \$200 to the "24 hours of baseball for Charity", which benefits Cystic Fibrosis, Prostate Cancer and Juvenile Diabetes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to donate \$50 to Francisco Fadul who is a serviceman who is currently serving in Afghanistan. Mr. Fadul works in Highway Design. The money will be used to send needed supplies. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

May 11, 2010

The May 11, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M.

Approximately 25 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion was made to accept the April secretary's report and passed.

There will be no early retirement incentive this year. The State and Unions were unable to reach an agreement.

The pension system is currently funded at 43% .

Health insurance coverage has been revised to include married children of employees until the age of 26.

Healthnet will stop providing health insurance at the end of June. Employees with this plan should choose a new provider during the open enrollment period. If a new plan is not chosen, they will automatically put into the Oxford health plan.

The telecommuting bill has gone to the Governor for signature.

Municipalities are now able to join the State's prescription drug plan.

A new savings plan has been created for medical expenses. Employees can save money for medical expenses pre-tax, but if it is not used for medical expenses the money is lost.

Chapter elections will be held at the June Chapter 9 meeting.

The Chapter 9 summer picnic will be held Thursday July 1, 2010, at Elizabeth's restaurant in Rocky Hill. Cost for members is \$18.

The P-4 Council summer picnic will be held Friday, July 16, 2010, at the Farmington Club. Cost for members will \$25 after rebates from local chapters.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

June 8, 2010

The June 8, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M.

Approximately 25 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion was made to accept the May Secretary's report and passed.

A motion was made to accept the May Treasurer's report and passed.

Chapter elections were held. Results are below.

President – Peter Macher

Vice President – Gabriele Hallock

Secretary – Michael Cormier

Treasurer – Kevin Ng

Delegates and Alternate Delegates were also elected. The full list of names is on file.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

July 13, 2010

The July 13, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M.

Approximately 10 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion was made to accept the June Secretary's report and passed.

A motion was made to accept the June Treasurer's report and passed.

P-4 Council elections were held on July 8 at union headquarters in Hartford. Results are below.

President – John Vitale

Vice President – William Richards

Secretary – Dawn McKay

Treasurer – Byron Lester

Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Auditors were also elected.

Members voiced their concerns about the length of time of the meeting for the P-4 Council elections.

Anyone who needs reimbursement for attending P-4 Council meetings should call Mr. Kevin Ng at 594-2749 before August 15.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

August 10, 2010

The August 10, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M.

Approximately 25 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion was made to accept the July Secretary's report and passed.

The Union is endorsing Dan Malloy for Governor.

The Union convention is September 24, 2010. Elections will be held for CSEA Union officials.

There was discussion about reimbursement from Chapter 9 for summer picnic tickets. It was concluded that it would be too late for reimbursement this year. The topic will be discussed when the Chapter 9 budget is prepared for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.
Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

September 14, 2010

The September 14, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Ms. Gabriele Hallock at 12:00 P.M. Approximately 20 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

The State is now self insured for prescription coverage. If anyone is not paying the proper amount for a prescription, an appeal can be filed. Information is on the union website.

November is open enrollment for the Flexible Medical Spending Account. This allows employees to save money (through payroll deduction) to be used for medical expenses. It must be used within one year or it goes back to the state. More information will be available in the near future.

Hartford Hospital is trying to increase its reimbursement for medical procedures from Anthem Blue Cross. A letter from Hartford Hospital will be sent to members stating that they will no longer accept Anthem Blue Cross insurance.

Auditors have reviewed the P-4 treasurer's report and no errors were found. The budget is in good standing. Members are needed to work the phone bank for the upcoming senate elections. Anyone who is interested, please contact a union official.

The Chapter 9 budget for next year will be reviewed at the October Chapter 9 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

October 12, 2010

Peter Macher informed all members that the regular scheduled meeting would be combined with Chapter 224 as soon as the CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Political Education Director Danny Medress arrives. This joined meeting was to bring members up to date on the Gubernatorial Campaign and the Unions efforts during this election.

Chapter Business:

The secretary report of the last meeting was approved.

The proposed budget for 2010-2011 was handed out and motions were brought to the floor.

Motion: Reimburse an additional \$20.00 to members attending the biannual P-4 Council election meeting when they stay to the end of the elections.

Motion passed

Motion: Reimburse each chapter member \$5 attend one of each picnic and holiday party each year.

The motion and discussions were halted until the next meeting when Danny Medress arrived.

Danny updated the members on the candidates running for elections, which candidates are endorsed by the Local and gave out handouts and sign up sheets for volunteers to staff phone banks.

Danny answered questions of members until the meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Sincerely submitted, Gabriele Hallock, Chapter 9 Vice President

November 9, 2010

The November 9, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Mr. Peter Macher at 12:00 P.M.

Approximately 15 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

A motion was made to accept the October Secretary's report and passed.

There was a motion on the floor to provide \$5.00 reimbursement to Chapter 9 members for any holiday party. Several members spoke in favor of having reimbursement only for the Chapter 9 party to encourage union participation. The motion was defeated unanimously.

Copies of the budget for 2010-2011 were distributed to attendees. The budget was reviewed. A motion was made to pass the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to increase the donation to the turkey drive from \$300.00 to \$455.00 using \$155.00 from savings. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Rinker, Executive Director of the union, will be retiring in 2016.

Chapter 1099 (Nursing home workers) are on strike. The P-4 council voted to donate \$1000.00 to 1099 members to help provide for COBRA health coverage for striking members.

Several years ago SEIU charged CSEA a tax (approx \$200,000.00) for the Dream Fund. There is talk that SEIU would like to do that again.

The P-4 Council holiday party will be held at the Farmington Club on December 16, 2010. Tickets are \$20.00.

The Chapter 9 holiday party will be held at the Polish American Club in Newington on December 17, 2010. Tickets are \$20.00.

Members feel that they are not getting enough representation from our own Staff Reps.

A motion was made for Chapter 9 President, Peter Macher, to write a letter to the Council President recommending that the Council President should be involved in the service rating procedure for Staff Reps.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary

December 14, 2010

The December 14, 2010 meeting of CSEA Chapter 9 was opened by Ms. Gabriele Hallock at 12:00 P.M.

Approximately 15 members were present for the meeting. A sign in sheet is on file with the secretary.

The PLD-1 is being replaced by the CT-HR-12. It is available on the DAS website and on our local website.

The P-4 council is looking for volunteers to write articles for the new P-4 newsletter. The newsletter will be coming out in January. For more information see Gabriele Hallock.

If any member would like to receive email notifications from Chapter 9, submit your email address to Gabriele Hallock.

There has been no communication between Governor-Elect Malloy and the State employee unions.

The Chapter 9 website can be reached from a link on the CSEA website. The link is

http://www.seiu2001.org/stateworkers/p4/Chapter_9_State_DOT_Headquarters_Professionals.aspx

A Contracts and Benefits Preservation Committee has been formed to protect member benefits. If members have questions or comments, please see Peter Macher, Gabriele Hallock or Justin Giorlando.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely submitted, Michael Cormier, Chapter 9 Secretary
