

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

OF

SEIU LOCAL 721

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Schoonover called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present: Bob Schoonover, Kathleen Austria, Joaquin Avalos, Tony Bravo, Linda Williams-Dent, Rosie Martinez, Arnella Sims, Harold Sterker and David Green.

In attendance via video conference in Ventura: Shannon Abramovitch, Dave Mulvey and Angela Portillo; via video conference in Riverside: Stephen Butler, Cheryl Elam-Collins and Gregory Hagans.

Excused absences: Grace Corse and Annette Jeffries.

Members/Staff present: Dan Mariscal, Erma Hall-Wood, Arturo Diaz, Cynthia Molette, Robin Lewis, Charley Mims, John Tanner, Christina Rodriguez and Doris Fletcher, 721 Seniors Liaison.

M/S/C to adopt meeting agenda.

M/S/C to approve minutes from last meeting in April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – see attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT/FUNDING REQUESTS

- M/S/C to approve the financial report ending March 2009.
- M/S/C to reinvest May 7, 2009 matured funds representing building proceeds at the Amalgamated Bank CDAR's program at a rate of 1%.
- M/S/C to reinvest May 11, 2009 maturing funds representing building sales proceeds at Amalgamated Bank in their CDARs program for 26 weeks at a rate of 1%.
- M/S/C to reinvest May 11, 2009 maturing funds from brokered CD's at Union Bank of California representing building sale proceeds be invested in a new Business Market Account at Union Bank of California at the quoted rate of 1.25% (subject to change monthly).
- M/S/C to reinvest Strike Funds maturing at Amalgamated Bank for a period of 6 months to a maximum of 1 year at CitiBank at the quoted rate of 1.50%.

Approved funding requests

- \$500.00 contribution to Maternal and Child Health Access;
- \$1,667.00 sponsorship to Disability Rights & Education and Defense Fund's 30th Annual Gala on May 26, 2009;
- \$250.00 contribution to the annual L.A. Fire Dept. Civilian Employee Recognition luncheon: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 honoring 721 members;
- \$2,500.00 sponsorship to L.A. Neighborhood Land Trust "A Park of Our Own Garden Party" annual fundraiser set for Sunday, June 7;
- \$1,800.00 to sponsor the Jewish Labor Committee: 75th Anniversary Annual Awards luncheon Sunday, June 14, 2009;
- \$1,000.00 to sponsor the ACLU Foundation of So. California: 15th Annual Law luncheon Friday, June 19, 2009;
- \$1,500.00 to sponsor AFSCME Local 685 6th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet: Friday, June 26, 2009;
- \$750.00 to sponsor APALA, AFL-CIO 10th Biennial Convention by placing a half-page ad in the convention booklet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bart Diener gave the L.A. County Dues Unification Committee report and reviewed the Committee's recommendations. M/S/C to receive the reports from L.A. County and Tri-Counties.

The monthly COPE requests were reviewed by Gerry Vaughan. M/S/C to approve COPE expenditures and recommendations for the Los Angeles area.

Dan Mariscal and Arturo Diaz came before the Executive Board to cite alleged violations committed at the last Governance Working Group meeting and demand reinstatement of Governance Working Group. They also requested that the Local schedule a general membership meeting before a bylaws election process begins.

Charley Mims, elected Chair of the Governance Working Group, gave the May 2, 2009 meeting report. The Governance Working Group adopted Draft 12 as amended by a vote of 86% (YES) to 14% (NO). The Governance Working Group then passed a motion to either dissolve the working group or to recommend to the convening authority that it be dissolve as there was no further business to accomplish.

The Senior Committee report was given by Doris Fletcher. Bob Schoonover gave a status report on the Committee's request to access SEIU organizing funds.

David Green handed out legacy local 660's policy on dues waivers for Board review and will report on dues waivers requests at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Local's food budget guidelines and current policy were discussed including the possible centralization of the food system in the L.A. office. The Local is in the process of revisiting current guidelines and policy. Proposed changes to guidelines and policy will be submitted to the Executive Board for recommendation and approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 2:45 p.m. and ended at 3:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion presented by Rosie Martinez to implement the use of a form to present new motions at board meetings failed to pass.

John Tanner gave a report on today's L.A. County Board of Supervisors hearing. He also gave a report on the SEIU Heroes event and his participation in the SEIU Public Services Division meeting with Unison in London.

Our next regular executive board meeting/video conference is scheduled for June 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All business being concluded, M/S/C to adjourn meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Rodriguez, Executive Assistant

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