

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

OF

SEIU LOCAL 721

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Schoonover called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present: Bob Schoonover, Tony Bravo, David Green, Rosie Martinez, Omar Perez, Harold Sterker, Linda Dent and Joaquin Avalos. In attendance via video conference in Ventura: Shannon Abramovitch and Angela Portillo; via video conference in Riverside: Greg Hagans, Catherine Eide-Nelson and Cheryl Elam Collins.

Excused absences: Grace Corse, Arnella Sims and Dave Mulvey.

Members/staff present: Carolyn Lawson, Cynthia Molette, Erma Hall-Wood, Bart Diener, Doris Fletcher (721 Seniors Liaison), John Tanner and Christina Rodriguez.

M/S/C to adopt meeting agenda.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – see attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT/FUNDING REQUESTS

- M/S/C to approve the financial report ending August 2009.
- M/S/C to adopt a resolution to request Union Bank to modify our sweeps arrangement for both the operating fund as well as the external organizing account, by removing the sweeps feature and changing it to the interest on checking option.
- M/S/C to approve the proposal for FAS 106/132/158 actuarial valuation services as of December 31, 2009 for the SEIU Local 721 Retiree Health Plan and execute a consulting agreement with Rael & Letson at a fee cap of \$15,000, which is the same price for the last two years.
- M/S/C to review the 2008 990-EZ tax return draft (and Form 199) of the Training Fund and approve it for filing with the appropriate tax authority by the final tax deadline of November 15, 2009.
- M/S/C to review the 2008 990 tax return draft of the SEIU Local 721 PAC (Political Action Committee) and approve it for filing with the appropriate tax authority by the final tax deadline of November 15, 2009 subject to any changes recommended by SEIU Local 721 Staff.

- M/S/C to review the 2008 990 tax return draft (and Form 199) of the SEIU Local 721 for the period ending December 31, 2008 and approve it for filing with the appropriate tax authority by the final tax deadline of November 15, 2009 subject to any changes recommended by SEIU Local 721 Staff.

Linda Dent recommended that Board Members receive training on Local's Tax Returns.

Approved Funding requests

- \$2,500.00 contribution for the Parking Attendant Appreciation Day on December 16, 2009 for City of Los Angeles parking employees.
- \$450.00 to sponsor the South Asian Network fundraising dinner on November 7th; includes a full page ad & 2 dinner tickets.
- \$5,000.00 to sponsor the Center on Policy Initiatives 2009 Gala fundraiser; 10 dinner tickets.
- \$350.00 to sponsor El Centro de Accion Social's 2009 fundraiser; 2 dinner tickets.
- \$5,000.00 one-time legal defense contribution to Shawn Terris.
- \$2,000.00 to sponsor the Brotherhood Crusade fundraising dinner: November 5, 2009; 4 dinner tickets.

M/S/C to fund conference attendance for three stewards in the tri-counties region; however the request was withdrawn.

At this time the Board is not taking any action on the sponsorship request made by the Emergency Relief Fund.

Bob Schoonover and John Tanner gave a follow up report on the SEIU/Workers United and UNITE/HERE dispute. Mike Garcia, SEIU Local Leader and President of United Service Workers West will be invited to meet with the Board at the next meeting.

Gerry Vaughan gave the COPE Report. M/S/C to approve the COPE expenditures and recommendations.

M/S/C to provide a dues rebate in the most expedient and inexpensive manner to eligible legacy 535 members resulting from the motion adopted by the Executive Board to reduce dues rate effective July 1, 2009.

John Tanner gave a summary of the work to date by the Dues Unification Committee.

Doris Fletcher gave the 721 Seniors Committee report. Bob Schoonover reiterated that active members from this committee should be ready to recruit retirees from the City of Los Angeles at LACERA on or about November 10th.

Rosie Martinez reported that the Disability Caucus has been revived. This year the SEIU Caucuses will be having a joint Christmas celebration.

M/S/C to approve registration and hotel costs for members from various caucuses to attend the Cuba/Venezuela/Mexico North America Labor Conference not to exceed \$4,000.00. Funding from this conference will be equally shared by caucuses and member travel.

M/S/C to adopt the resolution condemning Thai authority for violating human rights.

M/S/C that staff recruit and participate in the demonstration at the City of Santa Ana protesting member layoffs next Monday, October 19 @ 6 p.m.

John Tanner gave an update on the SEIU Polices on Ethics and Standards Training. Lisa Dolan, Human Resources Director, will be attending a two-day training this week and will share information with Shannon Abramovitch. Board and staff members are expected to take the on-line training by the end of this year. Anyone who does not have a computer or internet access is encouraged to come to the Local for access.

John Tanner reported that we are getting more prospects in our search for a new building.

M/S/C to establish a policy effective immediately which defines member in good standing to allow for implementation for the L.A. County contract ratification.

Harold Sterker gave a report on the Local 721 Mental Health Leadership Forum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 3:55 p.m.

Our next executive board meeting/video conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. due to Veterans Day holiday occurring on November 11.

ADJOURNMENT

All business being concluded, M/S/C to adjourn meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Rodriguez, Executive Assistant