



January 19, 2016 – FINAL
WFSE Local 443
General Membership
Meeting
WSLC Building
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm. President Jeff Paulsen presiding.

Roll Call of Local 443 Executive Board: All present, except: Sarah C Wilson, Steve Fraidenburg and Lana Brewster, excused. Bing Bristol and Georgina Willner, absent.

Obligation of New Members:

- Ashley Bazarro, OMWBE
- Water Sanford, L&I

M/S/P To adopt the agenda.

M/S/P To approve the December 15, 2015 General Membership minutes.

PEOPLE: \$25.00

Guest Speakers:

- Carol Dotlich, former Council 28 President. Representing Foundation for Working Families. Accepting the donation from Local 443. "Thank you so much for your support". The Foundation helped 112 union members in 2015.

President's Report:

- Building Security. There has been a change, the front door is now locked as of 5 pm.
- Shared Leave Requests: Caroline Symons, DSHS and Susan Betts, L&I.
- Pizza Klatch event is on 1/23/16. We have a number of members interested.
- MLK Jr Banquet. We had a full table. The event was fabulous.
- Text Group. The text group changed about a month ago. If you did not get the text reminder, text L443 to 237263.
- WSLC Legislative Reception and Lobbying Conference is on 2/11-2/12/16.

Special Order of Business:

- Election of Trustee, position 3
 - Election Committee: DeFrance Clarke, chair; Abdullatif Qaasim and Maria Pedersen.
 - Nominees: Georgina Willner
- Election of Council 28 Policy Committees
 - Election Committee: DeFrance Clarke; chair; Abdullatif Qaasim and Maria Pedersen.
 - Nominees: Donetta Hansen, ESD; Ed McCormack, ESD and Audrey Ferrie, UTC.

M/S/P To elect Georgina Willner for Trustee position 3 by acclamation.

M/S/P To elect Donetta Hansen and Ed McCormack to the ESD Policy Committee and Audrey Ferrie to the Miscellaneous Policy Committee by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

- WSECU Checking
- WSECU Savings
- WSECU Money Market
- United Business Bank
- Funds from WSECU Money Market account have been transferred to United Business Bank as of 1/1/16.
- Trustees have completed their reviews through June 2015. Everything has been delivered to the CPA for his annual audit and the preparation of the Hudson Report.
- Reminders:
 - Please turn in your reimbursement requests in a timely manner.
 - Discover Passes are not valid until you write your license plate in the box.
- Trustee, Finance and Scholarship Committee meeting has been changed to Monday, February 26th. The next Finance Committee meeting is on 1/26/16. We will be discussing the plan for charitable contributions. There will be an in-depth meeting on 1/24/16 at 10 am where we will continue the charitable contribution discussion as well as the budget writing process.

Staff Reports:

- Lisa Goldschmidt. Currently working on scheduling 2016 Steward in Action Trainings. Night and weekend classes will be available. Also working on scheduling additional Contract Trainings. Many of you have been made aware of a large information request that was received by OFM. If you have a legal reason for your information to be withheld, you can file with the courts.
- Sarah Prindle. Every day is Lobby Day. If interested, visit wfse.org to sign up. Training is available. WFSE has put out a "What is Union?" brochure. We are currently organizing an RPEC Retirement Workshop as well as a Student Loan Debt workshop. If you are interested in holding one or both of these at your worksite, contact your Council Rep. Internal Organizing and Communications Committees have teamed up to hold an IOC Conference on 4/30-5/1/16. More information coming soon.

Committee Reports:

- Organizing. Currently in the process of organizing for PSRW. We will have 3 booths. We are looking for volunteers for the first week of May from 8 am-2 pm. Especially on Wednesday, May 4th. If interested in volunteering, contact organizing.chair@wfselocal443.org and 2nd.vice.president@wfselocal443.org. "Wrapping up the Holidays" raised \$15,000 in cash in addition to toys. We are waiting for an order to put together "new member" bags. We will be holding two New Member onboarding meetings this year. These will be for new members or members who are new to the local. Dates to be determined. Our regular meeting is 2nd Thursday each month.
- Political Action. The Lincoln Dinner is on 2/12/16, the Thurston County Democrats Champagne Brunch is on 2/13/16 and the WA State Democrats Crab Feed is on 2/15/16.

M/S/P To purchase a table for 8 at the Lincoln Dinner at a cost of \$375.

M/S To purchase 20 tickets to the Thurston County Democrats Champagne Brunch.

M/S/P To amend the above motion to say "up to" 20.

M/S/P, as amended To purchase up to 20 tickets to the Thurston County Democrats Champagne Brunch.

M/S/P To be an Oyster Level Sponsor of the WA State Democrats Crab Feed at a cost of \$500 and to purchase up to 8 general admission tickets at a cost of up to \$480.

Announcements:

- If interested in attending the Legislative Reception/Lobbying Conference, Lincoln Dinner, Champagne Brunch or Crab Feed please email general@wfselocal443.org by 2/5/16.
- If interested in attending the Public Safety Conference please email general@wfselocal443.org by 2/16/16.

Old Business:

- Additional interest is being expressed to make an effort to have another way for members to attend our meetings.
 - This is currently under investigation at the Communications Committee.
 - Request: Please have the Communications Committee report their progress monthly.

New Business:

M/S/P To send up to 5 members to the AFSCME NW Region Public Safety Conference.

Good and Welfare:

- Abdullatif Qaasim, DOL. MLK Jr Banquet last Saturday. The experiences shared by the scholarship recipients were emotional. The event was spectacular.
- Joe Nilsson, L&I. Thank you to WFSE for endorsing Bernie Sanders. Thank you for signing up to volunteer for Bernie's campaign. If interested in volunteering, contact Joe Nilsson.
- DeFrance Clarke, L&I. WFSE Leadership Calendars available.
- Justin Taylor, L&I. Report out on World Aids Gayla. Thank you for the support. Photo and Thank you letter from the event as well as a card that offers discounts at local businesses.

Door Prize: Erik Kjesbu, DSHS.

Discover Pass: Carmyn Shute, L&I and Justin Taylor, L&I.

M/S/P To adjourn at 8:21 pm.