

CWA LOCAL 4299

General Membership Meeting Minutes May 10, 2024

6:05 PM - Meeting Called to Order (Wayne Herring)

Financial Report (Syreeta Talbert)

- Current balance in the savings account: \$130,083.91.
- Current balance in the business checking account: \$51,604.67.
- Membership as of April: 758 active members, 63 agency fee members, and 157 not yet reported.
- The membership committee is working to ensure all stations are aware of union representation.

Membership Report

- Wayne Herring reported on recent membership committee activities, including visits to Peoria, Bloomington, Champagne, and Evansville.
- Progress made in recruiting Union Stewards, with only 6 of the 21 stations remaining without a Union Steward.

Executive Board Updates

- Local operating procedures were discussed and fine-tuned; they will be finalized next week and presented for a vote.
- A reimbursement policy for committee work was discussed and will be voted on in the next General Union Board call.
- The first budget for the union was established, using previous financial reports as a foundation. The budget will be enacted starting in October.

Union Steward Updates

- 11 new Union Stewards were welcomed, following two recent training sessions.
- A steward policy is being developed to ensure all stewards understand their responsibilities.
- The policy will be distributed, and all stewards will be required to sign it to confirm compliance.

Conferences

• Two upcoming conferences were mentioned, one focusing on human rights. Co-chairs of the respective committees will attend and report back to the membership.

Open Floor (Questions & Discussion)

 Wayne Herring discussed ongoing efforts related to the State Leave Act and the importance of political engagement.



- Sherida emphasized the need for members to be proactive and engaged in contract discussions.
- Augie raised concerns about overtime allocation policies, leading to a discussion about ensuring fairness and consistency in how overtime is assigned.
- Sheila raised concerns about overtime assignments for AM agents, which will be addressed in future discussions with management.

Next Steps:

- Finalize and vote on the local operating procedures and reimbursement policy in the next General Union Board call.
- Continue efforts to recruit Union Stewards for the remaining stations.
- Engage with members on contract-related issues and encourage participation in upcoming rallies and political activities.

Action Items:

- Wayne Herring to follow up on the overtime policy discussions.
- Delvorie Meighan to discuss overtime consistency and fairness with Caesar.

Motion passed meeting adjourned 6:54 pm - Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Recorded by Syreeta Talbert