

Minutes of September 2, 2009

Greater Lansing Labor Council

The meeting of the Greater Lansing Labor Council was called to order by President Paul Hufnagel at 7:00 p.m. on September 2, 2009 at 419 S. Washington Square, Lansing, in the first floor conference room.

Roll call was taken by the Delegates signing in at the door.

The Delegates were led to the pledge to the flag by Dave Thelen.

The Chair introduced the following guests:

- Jessica Yorke, candidate Lansing City Council
- Robert Proctor, candidate LCC Board of Trustees
- Lawrence Hildago, candidate LCC Board of Trustees
- Thomas Morgan, candidate LCC Board of Trustees
- Shelby Bupp, candidate for replacement of Marc Thomas on Ingham County Commission, 8th District

The following Delegates were present: Jim Bitzer, Jeff Breslin, Ed Bryant, Jim Campana, Roberta Cannon, James Cody, Price Dobernick, Glenn Freeman, Glenn Freeman III, Diane Goddeeris, Tim Haggart, Robin Harris, Paul Hufnagel, Gail Jehl, Chris Keck, Ben Lyons, Ray Michaels, William Nicklosovich, Mike Parker, Mike Sliger, Maria Starr, Walter Steele, Jerry Swartz, David Thelen, Kim Wilson and Sandy Zerkle.

The minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

The Financial Report for May, June and July 2009 was presented by Financial Secretary Mike Parker. A motion was made to approve the financial report for March. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

Executive Board Minutes:

The Executive Board Minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting were reported.

A motion was made to accept the Executive Board Minutes for September 2, 2009 as presented. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

OFFICER REPORTS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Glenn Freeman III: Discussed the upcoming Labor Fest on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at Adado Park from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Many unions will participate with demonstrations of the crafts and services provided by their unions.

Mystic Lake camp was another banner year, fifty-three (53) kids were sponsored and attended camp this year. Thanks to all the local unions that donated to the camp and made it such a great success. Work or Shirk Weekend at Mystic Camp will take place at the end of September (flyers on table). This is a time to complete projects at the camp that will help to maintain the facility for kids next year and in the future.

The "Old Newsboys" fundraising edition will be the sold on Thursday December 3, 2009 raising money for needy kids in the Lansing metro area supplying them with warm clothes and footwear.

Union Family Fair Day on Thursday, August 6th was a great success. We sold more ride tickets and admission tickets than last year. Looking for more help on the committee and different ideas.

Sandy Zerkle: On October 6th is another Job Net Seminar will take place from 9:00 – 12:00 at the AFL-CIO. All are invited with coffee, juice and donuts being served.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Project Labor Agreement: Was adopted by Ingham County. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Ingham County Sheriffs Department: Decided not to do a ballot for the proposed millage increase for ICSD.

CWA Local 4040: Reached an agreement. 3% increases

MIOSHA: Draft bill floated around to eliminate MIOSHA. This would send everything back to the feds. Public employees are not covered by federal laws.

Public Employees: Andy Dillion's Healthcare Proposal. Wants Public Employees healthcare lumped all under one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORT OF LOCAL UNIONS

Jim Bitzer, Bricklayers Local 9: Building Trades are picketing outside Greenstone Farm Credit Services at Corporate offices in East Lansing on West Road off of Coolidge, all week. Greenstone is constructing a building with non-union contractors and workers.

Ray Michaels, IBEW Local 665, thanked all of the local unions and their members for their support for the adoption of an Ingham County "Project Labor Agreement." Ingham County will now establish PLAs on future county projects.

Ed Bryant, LCC: LCC unions continue in a struggle with the administration at LCC over contractual issues and job security.

Jerry Swartz, LSEA: LSEA members are currently working without a contract after agreeing to an extension while they continue to negotiate terms for a new agreement.

Mike Parker, Teamsters Local 580: Teamsters employees of the city have now been working without a contract for over 2 ½ years.

NEW DELEGATES

Robin Harris, Graduate Employees Union Local 6196

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A motion was made to remain neutral on the Mayor's race. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Sandy Allen for Lansing City Council, 2nd Ward. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Rina Risper for Lansing City Council, At-Large. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Brian Jeffries for Lansing City Council, At-Large. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Jessica Yorke for Lansing City Council, 4th Ward. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Thomas Morgan for LCC Board of Trustees. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Robert Proctor for LCC Board of Trustees. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to endorse Lawrence Hildago for LCC Board of Trustees. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to send a letter of support to Ingham County Board of Commissioners recommending Shelby Bupp to fill the open seat for 8th District. **It was Supported and Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retirees meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at Carpenters Local 1004.

Green Jobs Seminar, hosted by HRDI, September 30, 2009 at Hyatt

Dearborn

City of Lansing Veterans Day Tribute, November 7, 2009 at Don Johnson Field House.

- Tri County Union Label Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, September 20, 2009 at UAW Local 602.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Zerkle
Recording Secretary

Executive Board Minutes

September 2, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following officers were present: Paul Hugnagel, Glenn Freeman III, Sandy Zerkle, Mike Parker, David Thelen, Ben Lyons, Ed Bryant.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A motion was made to purchase a table of eight for \$300.00 and a \$50.00 ad from the Eaton County Democratic Party for their dinner on October 8, 2009. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to allow up to 3 people attend the MSU School of Labor and Industrial Relations October Workshop which will focus on President Obama's Executive Order on PLAs. **It was Supported and Carried.**

A motion was made to donate \$2000.00 to the Capital Area United Way for 2010. **It was Supported and Carried.**

There was a discussion on money and mailings for the general election this year.

Communications were read and placed on file.

Adjournment:

The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Zerkle, Recording Secretary