

CWA Local 4730
Members Meeting 10/15/09
Meeting Minutes

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Goy.

Meeting called to order at 5:42pm

Officers introduced.

Not present: Peter, Steve, Terri, June, and Bryce

Minutes approved from 9/17/09 meeting.

Meeting temporarily postponed at 5:45 for two guest speakers.

Lori Garraghty, United Way Campaign Director. Spoke about the current United Way fund drive underway, stressing that the Community Action fund (where the money raised goes) supports children (use to provide everything from coats and shoes to after school mentoring and programs), Job Training for local workers in transition, and Community Needs, like food and shelter. Please give any amount – even a dollar a pay check adds up! If there is an agency that you are not comfortable with receiving you money, you can write at the bottom of your pledge card “Do not give money to_____.” Any questions, please contact the United Way.

Next guest speaker, Jim Low from AFL-CIO. They would like to increase visibility and partnership with CWA. Their goal right now is to motivate members to communicate with government. Good response to their national call in earlier this month. They are focusing on Senate Finance Committee and health insurance reform. Urged to contact Evan Bayh, for he has tried to put himself in the position to broker the compromise. Urges our members to write letters. Stated that another National Call In Day will be November 5 – please urge our membership to call in their support! Paper was handed out at the meeting for those present to either write their own letter or sign a prepared statement.

Meeting resumed at 6:45pm.

Treasurers Report:

IU Account \$1,141.05. Old National account \$9,120.92. Victor still has a few checks to write. Enough money in the post office account to cover newsletter mailing (\$644).

Committee Reports:

Report from the Traffic Safety Committee. Questioned whether the money used to study the issue was well spent – couldn't IU committee have studied it on their own? Agreed that education should be the key to helping the problem – not sure crossing guards are age appropriate.

New Business:

New Staff Representative Kimberly Goy introduced. Happy to be here and looking forward to working with members in the future.

No report from the National Safety Conference.

The cancellation of the November meeting and combining it with the December meeting as a member potluck was unanimously approved. A date of December 3rd was agreed upon.

Holiday collection drive to benefit Teachers Warehouse was also unanimously approved. Move details to come. Suggested that a list of high demand items be included for member information on email.

Volunteer needed to help with the Herald Times Union Blog – was suggested that a plea go out to membership via email.

Old Business:

State of the University. Should revisit the issue once it becomes known when the new date is and how the University is reacting at that time.

Other Business:

None.

Ed moved that meeting end.

Victor seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Not enough present for E Board meeting.