

CWA LOCAL #1014
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
March 22, 2016

The **General Membership meeting of CWA Local #1014** was held on the above date at the **Emergency Training Center, Blackwood**. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Walko, and was opened with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL – The following officers and trustees were absent David Domanski, Domenic Martino, Tytanya Ray, Nidia Sinclair, and Susan Warner.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 – A motion to accept the minutes of September, 22, 2015 was made by Steve Miller and seconded by Sandi Norcross. The motion to accept the minutes was carried.

HENRY J. DUNN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – A total of 23 scholarships, totaling \$11,500 were handed out to members' children. 21 were from the Henry J. Dunn, III, Scholarship Fund. 1 was awarded from the Camden County Freeholders Scholarship Fund, a fund created in 2002 by the Freeholder Board after the death of Henry Dunn. To date, CWA Local #1014 has awarded \$200,300 in scholarships. Any child who is a member of CWA Local #1014 member in good standing is eligible. Each child must complete an application and comply with the scholarship requirements to receive the award. Council has been able to award each eligible application \$500 since 2003 due to the continued generous support of CWA Local #1014 members who participate in the Henry Dunn Golf Tournament and other Scholarship fundraising activities. This year's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The Financial Report reflected transactions February 1 through February 28 2016, for all accounts. A motion to accept the report was made by Mike Grasso and seconded by Sandi Norcross. The motion to accept the report carried.

ACTIVITIES – Eunice Robinson, reported on the following upcoming events:

- o Philadelphia Phillies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks – 6/17/16

AUDIT REPORT – The Audit report for the following accounts was presented by chair, Joe Tracy. A motion to accept the audit report was made by Donna Barrett, seconded by Mike Grasso. The motion carried.

- o City H&W, December 2015
- o General Operating, November – December 2015
- o H&W, December 2015
- o Scholarship, December 2015

BUDGET REPORT – President Walko presented the 2016 Budget along with the Budget Statement and overview. After review and discussion, a motion to accept the 2016 Budget was made by Ross Laboy, seconded by Joe Tracy. The motion carried.

SHOP STEWARD – Committee Chair Leah Hicks reported on a new Shop Steward for the Gloucester Township Supervisory Unit – Michael Jones.

VACANCY – Committee Chair Leah Hicks reported the following vacancies which the committee looks to fill in the near future.

- o Large Unit (term ending 2016)
- o Large Unit (term ending 2016)
- o Library Support (term ending 2016)

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS – President Walko’s comments along with the status of the contracts and contract negotiations for various bargaining units are noted on the agenda. The following are of special note:

• **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:**

- o County Library Support Staff Unit – The Library just recently provided the Union with a full proposal. The Union is reviewing the proposal and will set a negotiations session following the review.
- o City Units – Negotiations were last held on 3/8. The Committee met 3/17 to decide on a response.
- o City Parking Authority Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Unit – Last negotiations were held on 3/4. The Committee is considering a response and will set a negotiations session after its review.
- o City of Camden School District – The Negotiations Committee has agreed to an initial proposal which will be presented to management shortly.

• **CWA UPDATE:**

- o The CWA is a co-sponsor for the Democracy Awakening rally in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 17. The rally and related events. An array of barriers is keeping regular Americans shut out of the political process, from restrictive voting laws suppressing the voting rights of people of color, seniors, students, and low-income Americans, to a campaign finance landscape that allows big money to increasingly shape elections and the policy-making process. For both money in politics and voting rights, the U.S. Supreme Court has eviscerated laws that once protected the voices and votes of everyday Americans. And for both issues, Congress has solutions in front of them, but has so far failed to act. It’s time to fight back.
- o CWANJ is working with other public-sector unions on a campaign to ensure the passage of a constitutional amendment requiring the state to make full contributions to the pension system each year. The state employee units have overwhelmingly approved an assessment on their dues to guarantee payback of a loan from the CWA

National. Local 1014 members will be asked to help in reaching out to union members and their families in the area to assure they show at the polls.

LOCAL 1014 RETIREEE CHAPTER – President Walko assigned former Trustee Marianne McGee as lead in an initiative to establish a CWA Retiree Chapter.

DISCUSSION PERIOD – Questions from members on various concerns asked and discussed. All questions were answered by President Walko to members' satisfaction.

The **UPCOMING CALENDAR** and list of **HANDOUTS** are noted on the agenda.

Motion for adjournment was made by Mike Grasso and seconded by Mark Schiendelman. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Castagna

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Recording Secretary

**Next General Membership Meeting
will be
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016, 7:00 PM
EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER
LAKELAND COMPLEX, BLACKWOOD**