



COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 1014

MEETING MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of CWA Local 1014 was held on the above date at Bellmawr Branch of the Camden County Emergency Training Center in Lakeland. 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 trustee were absent: Bryan Burns, Ross Laboy, Sandi Norcross, Tytanya Ray, Eunice Robinson, Mark Schiendelman, Nidia Sinclair, Mike Tacconelli.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Valerie Castagna

A motion to approve the minutes for the March 2016 meeting was made by Mike Grasso, second by Donna Barrett. The motion carried.

President Walko adjusted the agenda to allow the report by the Scholarship Committee based on the attendance of the recipients and their parents.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: **Henry J. Dunn Scholarship Program** – A total of 18 scholarships, totaling \$9,000 were handed out to members' children. Seventeen were from the Henry J. Dunn, III, Scholarship Fund. One 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 \$209,300 in scholarships. Any child who is a member of CWA Local #1014 member in good standing is eligible in their senior year of high school if they are going to college or approved technical school. 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 21, 2017

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Corresponding Secretary Eunice Robinson

New members enrolled since last meeting –

<u>Unit(s)</u>	<u>#</u>
Winslow	1
County	<u>2</u>
Total	3

CORRESPONDENCE: Corresponding Secretary Eunice Robinson

None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasure Tytanya Ray

The financial report reflecting transactions from all Local 1014 accounts through February 28, 2017, was presented. A motion to accept the report was made by Orlando Munoz, second by Mike Grasso. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES: Committee Chair Eunice Robinson

The following trips are planned for 2017: June – Phillies game; October – Las Vegas. Fliers for the Phillies game and Vegas trip were available at the meeting.

AUDIT: Sue Warner, Committee Chair

No report.

BUDGET: President Walko

President Walko presented the 2017 Budget and Budget Statement and provided an overview. After review and discussion, a motion to accept the 2017 Budget was made by Candice Jefferson second by Mike Grasso. The motion carried.

ORGANIZING: President Karl Walko

February 2017 report presented. The breakdown by bargaining unit is in the agenda packet. President Walko also reported on the upcoming Camden City Mayoral election and the Governor election.

POLITICAL ACTION: Committee Chair Leah Hicks

Vice President Hicks reported that the PAC is selling pink “pussycat” hats for \$5.00. She has some available for purchase at this meeting and the next General Membership meeting, or you can contact the CWA office.

VISION: Vice-President Leah Hicks

The new Vision provider, Davis Vison will go into effect on April 1st. A “Welcome” packet along with an e-mail from President Walko went out around the 3rd week of March. Open enrollment will be from the end of March to mid- April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Walko's comments along with the status of the contracts and contract negotiations for various bargaining units are noted on the agenda. Of special note are the following:

- Philadelphia Troublemakers School – Labor and community activists gathered on 3/25 in Philadelphia to build organizing skills. Local 1014 was represented by President Walko and Crossing Guard Steward Lettie Draine. Workshops included how to select leaders and beating member apathy.
- Camden GrassRoots Leadership Meetings – Local 1014 is a participant, along with Local 1084 and 1040 in a coalition of grassroots leaders in Camden. The group seeks to coordinate activity to support one another in progressive initiatives. Gubernatorial candidate Phil Murphy is being invited to talk with the group before the June primary. The Camden mayoral election was discussed at yesterday's meeting.
- The delayed kickoff of an area CWA Retirees Chapter should occur soon. President Walko met with CCREA members to review the significance of the Chapter for retirees. Both Local 1014 and Council #10 retirees will be eligible to join.
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- Letter to employers concerning the dues increase in April went out to employers on Monday.
- New outside auditor (Bowman & Co.) began reviewing our 2016 records.
- Cooper River Indivisible Chapter – From their Facebook page: "Cooper River Indivisible is a local grass-roots political action group. There are hundreds of Indivisible groups across the United States. Our primary focus is to resist the current White House administration's agenda through direct communication with our locally elected representatives. We know we have our work cut out for us, and this group is built on a foundation of sustainable, committed, long-term action. We are always peaceful and respectful, but we are prepared for the fight or our lives." They had 200 attend their first meeting and filled the Freeholders Town Hall meeting in Oaklyn.

Discussion Period: Questions from members on various concerns asked and discussed. All questions were answered by President Walko to members' satisfaction. If anyone has additional questions or concerns please contact the union office or bring them to the next General Membership meeting.

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

The upcoming calendar is included on the meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Warner and seconded by Donna Barrett. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Castagna

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Recording Secretary

**Next General Membership Meeting will be
Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7:00 PM
Emergency Training Center
Lakeland Complex, Blackwood, NJ**