

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jeff Traeger, President, who chaired the meeting.

1. **Roll Call of Officers Present:** Jeff Traeger, **President**, **Vice-President** Deborah Jones, **Vice-President** Ted Bacalzo, **Vice-President** Sandy Barylski, **Vice-President** Tom Biebrich, **Vice-President** Kathy Brnjas, **Vice-President** Alex Ciumac, **Vice-President** Wes Connell, **Vice-President** Laura Cote; **Vice-President** Charlene Desjarlais, **Vice-President** Dianne Gibson-Pierce, **Vice-President** Darlene Kernot, **Vice-President** Frank Manaire, **Vice-President** Jeremy Miller, **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell,
2. **2020 Town Hall Meetings:** President Traeger reviewed the format for the Telephone Town Hall meetings with the President and Secretary-Treasurer's reports as well as the minutes from the previous Town Hall meeting are now available on the UFCW Local 832 website for members to read and will be asked to vote and approve the minutes as posted.
3. **Special Guest:** President Traeger introduced Michelle Gawronsky, President of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU). Ms. Gawronsky discussed the issues being faced by the Labour Movement in Manitoba as well as the challenges MGEU, in particular, is dealing with. Topics reviewed included:
 - The Dauphin Jail closure and the effect this closure will have on the 80 members who work there as well as the surrounding community.
 - The results of the Healthcare votes.
 - The provincial government's discussion of changes to Education.
 - The privatization of Crown Corporations.
 - Retail crime.
 - Social Services.
4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**
5. **m/s/c TO accept the Financial Report for the 11 month period ending November 30, 2019.**

6. **President's Report:** President Jeff Traeger provided updates on:
- Maple Leaf Brandon CBA ratified on January 12th, 2020 by 89%.
 - Hylife bargaining is also taking place in Neepawa. This contract is being negotiated by Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske and Union Negotiator Blake Crothers..
 - Winnipeg Labour Council election update. The Executive Board of UFCW Local 832 voted unanimously to support Melissa Dvorak who was successful in her bid for President.
 - SunGro bargaining: a tentative agreement was reached on January 30th, 2020. Ratification vote will be scheduled.
 - Retail Crime Conference: Representation at the conference included Retail, Government, Security, Police, Indigenous Peoples, Media and Labour, with Michelle Gawronsky and Jeff Traeger representing Labour. The issues of the on-going shoplifting crisis were discussed.
 - The Co-op refinery strike continues in Saskatchewan and UNIFOR, the union representing the workers at the refinery, is stepping up the action against the Co-op. Local 832 will support Unifor on the picket line at the Henderson Hwy. refinery.
 - 2020 Youth Internship Program – July 20 – 25 in Winnipeg. Contact Geoff Bergen geoff.bergen@ufcw832.com for more information. The information is also available on the Local 832 website.
 - New Executive Board Vice President Charlene Desjarlais was elected on January 24th, 2020 to fill one of the vacant positions on the board.
 - Heather Grant-Jury's trial ended on January 30th, 2020. She was sentenced to 15 months in jail for fraud over \$5,000.
 - Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske has put her name forward to run for the position of President of the Canadian Labour Congress. The convention will take place the first week of May in Vancouver. We wish Bea all the best!.

7. **Presidents Report:**
m/s/c TO accept the President's report as reported.

8. **Open Questions**

Throughout the meeting there were 7 questions taken from the members on the line and all questions were answered. All questions asked and responses provided are recorded and kept on file. The meeting was adjourned with no unanswered questions in the queue.

m/s/c to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by Deborah Jones, Recorder

A full transcription and a list of members taking part in the telephone town hall are kept on file in a binder and stored with these minutes.