

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 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**, Bea Bruske, **Secretary Treasurer**, Deborah Jones, **Recorder**, **Vice-President** Ted Bacalzo, **Vice-President** Sandy Barylski, **Vice-President** Tom Biebrich, **Vice-President** Patricia Bolduc, **Vice-President** Kathy Brnjas, **Vice-President** Alex Ciumac, **Vice-President** Wes Connell, **Vice-President** Laura Cote; **Vice-President** Eric Flett, **Vice-President** Dianne Gibson-Pierce, **Vice-President** Darlene Kernot, **Vice-President** Frank Manaigre, **Vice-President** Jeremy Miller, **Vice-President** Nellie Minville, **Vice-President** Marisa Pasquarelli, **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell,
2. **2019 Town Hall Meetings:** President Jeff Traeger reviewed the format for the Telephone Town Hall meetings with the President and Secretary-Treasurer's reports now being posted 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 – George Combiadakis:** UFCW Local 832 Income Tax Service:
 - The services provided for Local 832 members, their families and retirees were discussed. Services are also provided in Brandon and Neepawa as well as some small communities across Manitoba. For those members who aren't in a location where a physical meeting can take place they can mail their tax returns to the Winnipeg office (878 Portage Avenue) where they will be prepared and mailed back once complete.
 - The fees and information required to complete the income tax return were provided and all information is available in the Union Magazine and on-line on the UFCW Local 832 website.
4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**
5. **Special Guest – Erin Selby:**
 - Director of Education Erin Selby provided an overview of the courses that are offered on the WebCampus website. The courses are divided into six categories, which were reviewed. Some of the courses available are recognized for credit at the University of Manitoba. All information is available on the UFCW Local 832 website under the Training Centre tab.

- The Biannual Activist Conference will take place from May 6th to 9th at the Fairmont hotel. The theme of the conference is “100 Years Forward, Building on Our Past” which will coincide with the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike. Details of the conference, keynote speakers and special guests were discussed as well as registration for the conference, which is available on the Local 832 website.

6. **Financial Report:**

m/s/c To accept the Financial Report as read on-line a for the eleven month period, ending November 30, 2018.

7. **Special Guest – Zach Fleisher:** Zach Fleisher, from the ATU Local 1505 Communications Department and Local 832 member provided information on the Amalgamated Transit Union which represents bus operators in Winnipeg and Brandon as well as maintenance workers in Winnipeg. Discussions took place in regards to bus operator safety as February 14th marked two years since the murder of an operator while on the job. A safe work place is a right, not a privilege. The installation of safety shields, the budget process, passenger safety and transit fares were also discussed.

8. **Presidents Report:**

m/s/c To accept the President’s report as read on-line.

9. **Special Guest – Pia Morales:** Local 832 member and Lynn Lake resident Pia Morales discussed the issues being faced by healthcare members in the northern communities. Pia works at the Lynn Lake hospital and provided updates on the Northern Regional Health Authority as the changes in provincial healthcare continue to take place.

10. **Open Questions**

Throughout the meeting there were 6 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

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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.