

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 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 Manaire, **Vice-President** Jeremy Miller, **Vice-President** Nellie Minville, **Vice-President** Marisa Pasquarelli, **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell,

2. **2018 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 – Geoff Bergen:** UFCW Local 832 Union Representative Geoff Bergen representing the field of assisted living units, provided an update on the "Direct Support Professional Week" September 9th to 15th with a rally taking place on September 13th at the Manitoba Legislature. The rally is to promote a living wage for all workers in the assisted living field. Geoff Bergen provided information on how these agencies are funded through the Provincial Government and the effect it has on their wages, benefit and pension plans.

4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

5. **Special Guest – Mike Howden:** Organizing Co-ordinator and Northern Manitoba Representative Mike Howden discussed the servicing adjustments he has made in regards to representing and ensuring the Northern units are provided training, not only for shop stewards and health and safety, but for members interested in getting involved and becoming advocates. Mike also explained the process

of organizing a new unit and the number of votes needed to be successful in the certification process. The process of becoming a SPUR (Special Project Union Representative) was reviewed and if anyone is interested they should contact the Local through the website or by contacting their rep. to discuss the opportunity of working on a future organizing drive.

6. **Financial Report:**
m/s/c To accept the Financial Report as read on-line a for the seven month period, ending July 31, 2018.

7. **Special Guest – Phil Kraychuk:** UFCW Local 832 Health and Safety and WCB Specialist Phil Kraychuk provided an update on the possible legislation changes from the provincial government that could take place in the next few months. The effects of the provincial government dismantling of the Advisory Council and the changes that could be forthcoming that will affect the labour workers in Manitoba.

8. **Presidents Report:**
m/s/c To accept the President’s report as read on-line.

9. **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.