

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 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, **Vice-President** John Sulyma

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 – Martin Trudel:** UFCW Local 832 Director of Negotiations, Martin Trudel, reported on the current strike taking place at Aрызta, which is a production facility that provides baked goods to major retailers. Negotiations have been ongoing for the past year and a half and the contract expired in January of 2017. The reasons the membership voted for the strike were discussed and Martin also reported the Union is in constant communication with the company and working hard to try and resolve the issues to get the members off the picket line and back to work.
 - Martin Trudel also reported that deals have been reached with Coke, McCain Foods and Sysco. As well, the importance of attending the proposal meetings or submitting their proposals to the negotiator to ensure everyone is represented during the negotiations process. Martin also provided an update on Bill 28 and the confirmation the non-profit sectors will not be affected.
 - Members are reminded to update their contact information: email address, phone numbers as well as mailing address.

4. **m/s/c To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of November 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

5. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report:** Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske advised the Financial Reports ending December 31, 2017 have been posted on-line. Since the reports were posted the Local has received the full audit report and the Audit Committee, consisting of Executive Board members has met and reviewed all of the Local's financial statements, remittances and expenditures. The auditor was very pleased in the way the finances are handled and tracked with Local 832.

6. **Financial Report:**
m/s/c To accept the Financial Report as read on-line and presented by Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske, for the twelve month period, ending December 31, 2017.

7. **Special Guest – Basia Sokal:** President of the Winnipeg Labour Council, Basia Sokal discussed the municipal elections which will be taking place this fall and how members can get involved to make changes at City Hall. Basia Sokal reviewed the Executive of the WLC and also provided information on the WLC meetings and an invitation for all members of Local 832 to attend the meetings – the third Tuesday of every month at the Union Centre. An update was also provided in regards to the September Labour Day March and Picnic.

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

9. **Updates:**
 - New Healthcare campaign will be starting in the next few weeks. Check the Local 832 Website and click on "We Are The Frontline" for updates.
 - Special welcome to new Executive Board Vice-President Laura Cote from Lorette Marketplace.
 - Brandon Meet and Greet on July 19th in the evening.
 - June 3rd – PRIDE Parade. UFCW will have good representation at the parade.
 - June 6 & 7 – UFCW Local 832 is hosting the National Offices Indigenous Event.
 - June 20th – High School Graduation ceremony at UFCW Training Centre.

10. Open Questions

Throughout the meeting there were 8 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.