

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 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 – Sharon Grehan:** UFCW Local 832 Primary Safeway Representative Sharon Grehan provided an overview of the bargaining that is currently taking place with Sobeys West Inc. The Company's proposals included many major concessions and to date the company has not changed their position. Province-wide meetings are currently being scheduled and the Local is asking for a strike mandate so that a strong message can be sent to the Company. Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske reviewed the process should the members vote to strike or if there is a lock out.

Red River Co-op: Union Representative Sharon Grehan and Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske provided updates on the Red River Co-op bargaining which has been progressing. Talks have slowed as the monetary issues are being discussed and information meetings are being scheduled for members.

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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. **Special Guest – Roberta Hoogervorst:** Retail Coordinator and Union Representative Roberta Hoogervorst provided an update on the two retail campaigns currently wrapping up, Working for Free and Don't be a Hero. The Loblaw agreement expires on September 27, 2018 and preparations are beginning for the bargaining process. Telephone Town halls, the bargaining committee application process, and in-store committees were discussed. Membership can stay informed through the Local's website, Facebook, Twitter and e-mail along with updates and posters that will be displayed in the stores.

6. **Financial Report:**
m/s/c To accept the Financial Report as read on-line, for the eleven month period, ending November 30th, 2017.

7. **Special Guest – Marie Buchan:** Executive Advisor to the President and Lead Negotiator in Health Care Marie Buchan reported on Healthcare negotiations. The WRHA Laundry, Saint Boniface Hospital, St. Boniface Hospital DSM and the NRHA all expired March 31st, 2017 and there has not been one day of bargaining to date. Updates will be posted to the Local's website and negotiation updates will be sent out after any meetings. With all the changes that have taken place in healthcare members are reminded to fill out the "Heavy Workload Forms" that are available online to ensure the Local is receiving the information.

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

9. **Open Questions**
Throughout the meeting there were 17 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.

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.