

**State Employees' Association of NH, SEIU Local 1984
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Concord NH**

June 13th, 2019

Minutes

Call to Order: 1:00 PM

Present: Rich Gulla, Mary Fields, John Hattan, Avis Crane, Cindy Perkins, Sylvie Pratte, Jim Nall, John Amrol, Germano Martins, Corey Dearborn, Heather Fairchild, Ken Muske, Mikayla Bourque, Mike Derderian

Excused: Laura Drew, Cheryl Towne (who arrived at 2:55.)

Late:

Absent: Phil Burt

Staff Present: Kristen Cocuzzo, Andrew Toland, Gary Snyder, Melissa Moriarty, Mason Petit

Guests and Consultants: Jodi Roos, John "Jake" Krupski, Jay Ward

Emergency Business: none

Review of Board Packet material and Correspondence

MOTION to accept agenda: Moved by John A., seconded, carries

MOTION to accept Board Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2019 Moved by Jim, seconded, carries

Old Business:

Committee Assignments: Samantha Blanchard to Lavender Caucus, Social Activities, Operation Santa Claus; Tracy Rousseau to Conservative Member Ad-Hoc Committee; Jodi Roos to Political Education

Approval moved by Jim, seconded, carries

President's Update

Two candidate videos from the IEB meeting – inspiring!

Jodi – the family is willing to pay for a granite bench in Ken's memory. Installation will be on August 10th (which would have been Ken's 65th birthday). After discussion, the following was decided:

- We will place it near the driveway, where it is easily accessible for visitors and members but not close enough to the street to invite vandalism.
- We may build a garden around it; we can sell pavers engraved with the donor's name or in people's memories.
- Decided on Ken-appropriate wording to be carved into the bench, and a plaque freestanding beside it with more serious wording as requested by Ken's sister.

Use of Union Hall by other groups: Rich decided that due to financial and legal issues, we should not allow outside political organizing groups to use the hall for their meetings. Members-only political groups would be OK.

Executive Session to discuss legal and CUE matters: Moved by Jim, seconded, carries. **In at 2:11, Out at 2:34.**

Report-out on staff implementation of strategic goals set at the BOD retreat.

Committee Efficiency Review: Phil asked the question last month if our large number of committees, most led by one or more Board members, was perhaps redundant and could be pared down a bit. After some discussion, Mikayla offered the following **MOTION:** to postpone the question until next meeting so that Phil can be here. Seconded, carries.

MOTION to accept consent agenda: Moved by Jim, seconded, carries.

Committee Reports:

- a) Political Education, John Hattan: Seven tickets are available for those who wish to attend the Progressive Summit.

MOTION: to endorse Joyce Craig for Mayor of Manchester, Andrew Toland for Ward 12 school board. Moved by John H., seconded, carries.

It has been a great year for us legislatively!

Germano Martins chairs the Presidential Candidate Selection Workgroup, which has created criteria for choosing a candidate to endorse. These criteria all reflect labor issues fairly strictly, honoring the fact that our union membership include the whole spectrum from left to right. They include the workgroup's report, a question list for candidates, and SEIU's *2020 Unions for All Agenda*.

MOTION: to adopt these criteria as our process for choosing the candidate to endorse for President, as amended. Moved by John H., seconded, carries.

- b) Steward Committee, Ken Muske: The last steward training went marvelously, and got great reviews from most participants.

- c) Lavender Caucus, Mikayla Bourque: Working hard, out most weekends at one or more Pride events. **MOTION:** to hang a rainbow flag outside the union hall. Moved by Cindy, seconded, carries.

MOTION: Accept 2 new Associate Members. Moved by Avis, seconded, carries.

MOTION to accept all reports into record Moved by Jim, seconded, carries.

MOTION to Adjourn Moved by Jim, seconded, carries. **Meeting ended 3:55**

In Solidarity,

Cindy Perkins

MEMBERS of the Presidential Candidates Selection Workgroup:

Germano Martins, Diane Schuett, Art Ellison, Ken Muske, Ralph Mecheau, Tina Kelly, Dennis Etechells, Peggy Rossing, Tamara Feener.