

Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
03/10/10

Call Meeting to Order 3:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Moment of Silence – For our troops and those injured or lost their lives in a workplace accident.

Roll Call of Board Members

Minutes from the 11/13/09 B.O.D. meeting submitted by Mike Kerstetter

1. Motion to accept – Carl Judd
2. Motion to 2nd – Ron Stabinsky
3. Vote – carried

Financial Report submitted by Mike Kerstetter (Report for January 13, 2010)

1. Motion to accept – Ron Stabinsky
2. Motion to 2nd – Carl Dillinger
3. Vote – carried

Financial Report submitted by Mike Kerstetter (Report for March 10, 2010)

1. Motion to accept – Ron Stabinsky
2. Motion to 2nd – Carl Dillinger
3. Vote – carried

REPORTS FROM CHAPTERS

1. Berks/Schuylkill County Chapter:
 - a. Since the last Chapter meeting
 - i. Balance on Grant Money - \$7,259.78
 - ii. Balance Chapter - \$832.35
 - b. The Chapter is looking for help to setup an office
 - i. Office locations:
 1. Teamsters Union Hall
 2. Location Downtown
 - ii. The Board held a discussion about the office location
 1. Many details need to be ironed out
 - c. Update on John Donato
 - i. John will be in the hospital for a long time yet. He is making good progress.
 - d. United Labor Council contacted the Chapter
 - i. The Chapter voted to renew the listing on their annual flyer
 - e. The Chapter voted to continue its membership with the D.C.P.T.
 - f. The Chapter will offer support and membership to the TWA (Taxi Workers Alliance of PA).
 - g. Dennis Straub is not able to get the Board bonded through their insurance agent.
 - h. Since John Donato is in the hospital the Chapter does not know exactly what the membership is so they can pay the dues owed the state.
 - i. Mike Kerstetter looked up what the Chapter paid last year and that verified what the membership is for the Chapter. The Chapter submitted a check to the Board for their dues owed.
 - i. The Chapter asked about the use of debit cards for everyday expenses for business of the Chapter.
 - i. Discussion revealed that the Board would need more research into this issue and a policy will be added to the By-laws.
 - ii. This will be researched in the By-laws to see if it is okay.
2. Dauphin County Chapter:
 - a. Jake Long will schedule a meeting for Dave Gash (President Harrisburg CLC), Jake Long and Mike Kerstetter about the Dauphin County Chapter.
3. Lehigh Valley Chapter:

- a. Bingo is going well
- b. A fundraiser calendar is going good
- c. Carl Judd is working on a membership drive for the Chapter

OLD BUSINESS

1. Panel Attorneys
 - a. The Board needs to check and make sure that all the panel attorneys listed belong there. Verification of the panel attorneys will be done.
 - b. Dennis Straub has some questions about the PFIW website.
 - i. He could not find the link to the Meeting Agenda, Minutes & Financial Reports. This will be checked out.
 - ii. He could not find the Injured Worker Poem. This will be checked out.
 - c. Mike Kerstetter reported to the Board that a change to the PFIW now allows for the Board to list PFIW sponsors on the right side of the website. This can be done to raise more funds for the Board by charging a fee/donation for the listing on the PFIW website.
2. Grants – Carl Dillinger
 - a. The Board will try again to get some grants.
3. New Chapters
 - a. No new Chapters
4. Agreement for Panel of Physicians – Kate McCarney
 - a. No Report
5. Labor Councils & PFIW
 - a. No Progress
6. Bond Issue – Pete De Pietro/Dennis Straub
 - a. Discussed earlier in Chapter Report
7. Letter will be sent out to John Kennedy telling him of the B.O.D. action on his membership on the Board and the disposition of the Delaware County Chapter
8. John Donato
 - a. Discussed earlier in Chapter Report
9. Bylaws
 - a. New updated version must be filed with the PA B.C.O. and distributed and made available to all members of the PFIW
10. TWA (Taxi Workers Alliance of PA) – Dennis Straub
 - a. Discussed in Chapter Report
 - b. They will be added to the Injured Worker Memorial Day Event.
11. Injured Worker Memorial Day Event
 - a. 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast at the U.S.W.A Union Hall, 200 Gibson Street, Steelton, PA 17104
 - b. 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM River Front Ceremony
 - c. 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Rotunda Event
 - d. Speaker invites will be sent out by Mike Kerstetter
 - e. News media invites will be sent out by Mike Kerstetter

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pete De Pietro received a call from Mike Sexton and we will get more brochures thanks to Worker's Comp RX Pharmacy.
2. Carl Judd brought up the idea of sponsoring another International Convention for Injured Worker Organizations.
3. AFSME Convention
 - a. Carl Dillinger said he would need some help for this convention to man the AFL-CIO table.

GOOD AND WELFARE

1. Open the meeting to the floor for discussion
2. Date of next B.O.D. meeting – May 14, 2010. The meeting location will be the U.S.W.A. Union Hall, 200 Gibson Street, Steelton, PA 17104. The meeting time will be changed to 3:00 PM.
 - a. The host Chapter will pay for the lunches.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by – Carl Dillinger

A 2nd to the motion to adjourn was made by – Carl Judd

Vote - carried

The meeting for the PFIW Board of Directors adjourned at 5:22 PM