**TACOMA FEDERATION OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS LOCAL 461**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**April 18, 2023**

**Welcome**. Thank you to the members who attended this meeting! Welcome to our new AFT WA Organizer, Javier Cortez. Introductions of board members and members present.

**Meeting was called to order by First Vice President Kari Madden at 5:15 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded** that the March 13, 2023 meeting minutes be approved as presented. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSED**.

**President’s Report**: President Kathy Unruh was unable to attend due to a health emergency and no report was presented. Note – Kathy was able to join toward the end of the meeting.

**Membership Report**: Building Rep. Coordinator Melissa Roach reported on membership. We’ve been having representation at new hire orientations.

**Finance Report**: Treasurer Laura Robyn presented a monthly financial report. There were no questions for Laura.

**Pierce County Central Labor Council**: Liz Walle read a report from Janet Hubbard:

“Some Issues Pending with the Labor Council

I attended the April 12 Labor Council meeting.  I have missed some due to illness and other issues.

Upcoming Actions or Events

Behavioral Health Services-

Candlelight vigil for injured workers,

April 27, 6-8pm @ 19th and Union

TAM 6 mos. Anniversary-TAM board is still resisting recognition.  They need Emails encouraging the board to submit a list of eligible employees.

Joe Bushnell, running for city council attended. COPE interviews for city council and school board are coming up. April 24, 25, 26 at the IBEW hall at 5pm.

Patty Rose’s retirement celebration is coming up at 6:30 pm, $50 a head, $500 for a union to reserve a table of 10. Drinks and dessert dash are extra.

Peanut butter is being accepted at the IBEW upstairs until May 1.

Next year plan for representation at the Labor Council. I will not be representing our union next year at the Labor Council. Our president will need to send a letter removing me from the position, and letters for new delegates on union letterhead. We are paying for up to 5 delegates.”

**AFT WA Report:** Our new AFT WA Organizer, Javier Cortez, introduced himself. He put links in the chat for upcoming webinars.

**PSRP Conference**: Kari Madden, Melissa Roach and Anitra Wise recently attended the AFT PSRP Conference in Baltimore. Kari and Melissa reported on this.

**Nominations and Elections:** The Nominations and Elections Committee consists of Tracey Brown, Debbie Deweyert and Rebecca Padilla. Tracey called for nominations for the following positions:

Communications Director -- No nominations were received.

Building Rep Coordinator A -- No nominations were received.

Building Rep Coordinator C -- No nominations were received.

President – Kari Madden was nominated president and accepted the nomination.

Treasurer -- No nominations were received.

Parliamentarian -- -- No nominations were received.

After much discussion about the need for board members, **A motion was made and seconded** that the Bylaws be suspended to allow nominations for these open board positions up to our May General Membership meeting. **MOTION PASSED**.

**Good of the Order**: Kari reported on some issues brought up recently at our Labor Management meetings.

**Next Meeting**: May 15, 2023 IN PERSON

**Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Walle, Secretary