

Nov. 13 2011 AWC Conference Call

Chair: Martha Grevatt

Minutes: Nick Waun

Present: Martha L. 869, Nick L. 1112, Frank Hammer L. 909, Wendy Thompson L. 22, Alex L. 869, George L. 12, Reggie L. 600, Peggy L. 1112, Dick L. 235, Rosendo L. 412, Ron L. 600, Judy L. 600, Phyllis L. 600, Jane Slaughter (Labor Notes)

Chrysler Skilled Trades Appeal

George- He and Alex made some calls regarding the Sep. 26 IUAW mtg. PRB Director Barbara Klein said we need a statement of reasons. They are calling and asking for Eunice Stokes, being ignored. Nothing in writing yet, International is being rude because George is not a local official. Need to get in the statement of reasons as soon as possible. Barbara Klein said that minutes are probably not kept. No audio or transcript.

-Jeep has history of separate ballots for trades and production. Need separate ballot for supplement.

Martha- Been trying to get the minutes of the meeting. IUAW constitutionally obligated to keep minutes. Some still collecting signatures. Making the point to production that our fight is their fight, keeping open the opportunity to go into the trades. Feels like the statement should be sent in this week. Ellis wants to wait until the minutes, looks like we may not get it. We will send the documents out to Nick for posting on the website.

Alex- Talked to Dave Edgar, local 869 rep. who took notes on conference call. Wasn't just economics as Bob King reported. It was a mixed bag of issues. Gregg Drudi handling the appeal. Legal Dept. investigating request for the minutes. Skilled Tradespeople still behind us. Need to get a copy of the appeal for public viewing. Would like to write an update on what we are doing for everyone's information. Will email a copy of what he has by Monday.

Frank- Talked about attaching the experience 909. Post the appeal to the website. Include list of signatures by the trades with the reasons to show that there are real reasons for opposing the agreement.

Dick- Observation about people calling Solidarity House, the calls are producing a lot of run around. Suggested writing letter to Bob King stating the run around and cc the letter to UAW legal. Reaffirm request. Create a record of indifference. If no response after 5 days send another letter with the original attached. Put the appeal and the statement of reasons on the website. Separate section on website, keep running chronology of the response.

Wendy- Make sure it is Drudi handling the case. Get production signatures to show production is behind this also.

Structure and organization committee

Martha- Premature to nominate people.

Peggy- Spoke with Nick about setting up a President, Chairperson, Treasurer. All volunteer. Wendy would make a good President because of her Knowledge of the Union. Would like to volunteer.

Nick- volunteered to chair the committee.

Frank- Need to update how many are on our Google Group, and inventory of shirts, funds, etc.

Auto show demonstration

Martha- Wendy took responsibility for the Auto Show. Need to start thinking about themes and ideas. Need for jobs, the reason why the Detroit area is hurting so bad. Asked if there is going to be a media day?

Wendy- We need a subcommittee. Will ask for volunteers on Google groups. Find out when Media day is? Go with Sunday Jan. 8. Save the date flyer. Meeting at the Anchor bar after the Autoshow rally.

Frank- Can't volunteer but would be happy to offer ideas. The status of unemployment in our region and what used to be the Auto industry. Jan. 10-23rd is going to be the Auto Show.

Peggy- Theme should be Green Jobs, more jobs for all workers, no two tier, equal pay for equal work.

Shop floor updates and plans—anything you are doing in your plants or locals

Peggy- Lot of people at Local 1112 not happy with the contract. Talked with Nick about having a Caravan meeting with local workers after the Holidays. Need game plan for 2015.

Reggie- No vote was dominant at local 600. At the Truck plant extended the vote through the weekend. Writing letter.

Announcements

Wed 16th Marchionne coming to Jeep Toledo, also Gov. Kasich, and Mayor Bell. They will hire 1100 new lower tier jobs. – George.

Labor notes school Runs from 12-5, Saturday, Local 22, for all Union members, cost \$22, many non autoworkers interested. Short plenary session, 4 workshops, then 4 more workshops, then another plenary session. Opportunity to learn about the issues of the day. One of the workshops set up solely for UAW members. –Jane Slaughter

Need committee to work with Jane on the school. –Wendy

Sound on the conference call is very poor. Only 70% of what is being said is being heard. Are we going to have a meeting in person. Why not have a meeting at a local union hall? –Rosendo

Direct election of IUAW officers. -Rosendo Scott has done work on this. Drafted resolution for the next convention. Going to be running it by Jerry Tucker and Ellis Boal for constitutionality. –Wendy

International anti-austerity Day this Thursday Nov. 17. Mtg at Grand Circus park at 3:00, Sprit of Detroit 4:30. It would be good to get as many people as possible to this event. –Wendy

Occupy Youngstown situation. Forced to get rid of burn barrels. City wants to evict them, occupants refuse to move. Asked about Local 1112 cooperation, was told nobody asked them to participate. Peggy is going down Monday to check things out to see what is really going on. –Peggy

Jan 12, Thursday, after the Autoshow demo, Climate Change video. – Frank

Dec 2nd Jobs for justice rally, Greater St. Matthews, afternoon, focusing on creating jobs for young people, poor and retired affording home heating problems. –Frank

Next call
Sunday, Dec. 11, 7:30pm

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