

CWA 7777 – Retired Members Chapter Meeting minutes – October 24, 2018

The luncheon and meeting were held at the CWA 7777 Union Hall. Lunch was catered by Terry & Carey. There were 48 members and 6 guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by President Bill Stokey. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

FINANCIALS: The financial report was given by Treasurer, Arthur Santomango. Deposits made: \$490.08 and expenses paid: \$425.00, new checking account balance: \$646.42. Balance of the Bellco CD is \$4,009.18 and the Bank of Denver CD is \$3,731.53.

Arthur reminded everyone to please pay your dues for 2019 either today, by mail, or you can pay next month at the meeting. Dues are \$10 for the year.

A motion was made by Lew Ellingson to approve the Treasurer's report. A second was made from the floor. Motion carried.

MINUTES: A motion and second were accepted from the floor to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Bill Stokey changed the order of business to allow CWA Local 7777 President, Debbie Medina, to swear in the new officers of the Chapter.

President Stokey spoke on the Medicare part B increase. A handout was available for the members to look over.

Bill also let everyone know that he attended a presentation by Don & Don. They would like to come and do a presentation to our group on: Estate Planning and Social Security.

SPEAKER: President Stokey introduced Arthur Mogilevski from Valley Recovery Center, and Keith Bradley from Love in Action Interventions & Training to the group. Arthur and Keith are guests provided by the CWA 7777 PEIR Committee.

Arthur specializes in drug and alcohol treatment as well as mental health. He works with CWA in California. Keith works in Colorado and does free interventions.

Lew Ellingson voiced that this is a critical and horrible issue. He also told the group that it is a very much needed program. He thanked the speakers on behalf of the group.

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The Nokia bargaining report was given by Chuck Mitchell. He gave a history on bargaining. Nokia now wants to get rid of the work force and go to contractors. He had handouts that he encouraged everyone to take and asked everyone to write to the President/CEO, Rajeev Suri and Bargaining Chair, Steve Muscat. Their information is included in the handout. Lew Ellingson spoke on the issue as well

GOOD AND WELFARE: Bill Himmelmann has a copy of “End of Life” if anyone is interested.

Lew Ellingson talked about the importance of voting in the election and asked everyone to make an informed view on the human caravan instead of just what President Trump says.

It was announced that Dan Adams wife, Tracy, passed away. Dan is the President of the CWA local in Colorado Springs

NEW MEMBERS: We have 1 new member today. Debra Alvarado. Welcome to the Chapter.

OLD BUSINESS: Carol Giampaolo announced the 2018 Christmas Party will be held at the Englewood Elks. The date will be either December 17th, 18th or 19th. A discussion was held on the performers for the party. There is a choice of 4 performers. The decisions will be made at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Carol Giampaolo spoke on the election. Proposition 112 – vote Yes. It doesn’t affect Federal or existing drilling. Amendment A – vote Yes. She also announced that CenturyLink has made a payment of \$400 million plus an additional \$1 million dollars into the pension fund.

Carol will look into having Barbara Wilcox come in as a speaker next year. Barbara is a SHIP Counselor and can be reached at (888) 696-7213. We will have copies of Medicare information at the next meeting.

COPE: \$60.33.

OTHER: None

DOOR PRIZES: \$10 King Soopers gift cards – Jean Raiola, Kaye Taylor, Vince Brakowski, and Elaine Hasler. Congratulations to all!

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ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Mitchell and seconded from the floor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at CWA Local 7777. Terry & Carey will do the catering.

Respectfully submitted,

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