

CWA 7777 – Retired Members Chapter Meeting minutes – January 22, 2020

The luncheon and meeting were held at the CWA 7777 Union Hall. Lunch was catered by Terry & Carey. There were 41 members and 2 guests present. Lunch was served at 12:00 p.m.

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 for October, November and December 2019 was given by Arthur Santomango. Deposits made: \$3,119.36 and expenses paid: \$3,237.27, new checking account balance: \$5,157.65. Balance of the Bellco CD is \$4,106.74. We started the year of 2019 with \$1,714.51 in the checking account and cashed in our Bank of Denver CD for \$3,754.14 in January of 2019 which brought that account to \$5,468.65. The yearend balance in the checking account for 2019 was \$5,157.65. A motion was made by Sheila Lieder to accept the financial report. Bette Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Rosemary Bass to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Stokey spoke about the CenturyLink Benefit Seminars that have been held at the Local. Bill attended the seminars on January 11th and January 18th. The last seminar will be on Saturday, January 25, 2020. He reported that he recruited 3 new members for the Chapter at the seminars.

SPEAKER: Jillian from Siegel Public Affairs spoke to the group about “Losing your rights when in arbitration”. She let everyone know that you lose your rights if you are under ‘binding arbitration.’ She explained that an individual can be forced into arbitration. Binding arbitration is being used in almost all contracts. For example, phone apps, credit cards, etc.. You need to consider these three (3) things when signing on to a contract with binding arbitration:

1) Conflicts of interest 2) Code of ethics 3) Unfair contract language. Binding arbitration is being used to shield wrong doings within a company.

GOOD AND WELFARE: It was announced that Ben Rubin is doing better. He has finished his treatments. Polly Peixoto has a birthday coming up on the 26th of January. Ruth Stevens brother-in-law passed away.

NEW MEMBERS: We had 3 new members today. John Purcell and Dave Hannan are new to the group and Lee Bagby is returning to the group. Welcome all!

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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held on the Homestead Act. In order to qualify, you must be 65 years of age on the assessment date and you must have been in your home for 10 years. Qualified homeowners get 50% off their real estate taxes, up to the first \$200,000 of actual property value.

COPE: \$58.00

OTHER: None

DOOR PRIZES: \$10 King Soopers gift cards were won by: Chuck Mitchell, Terry Bass, Vince Brakowski, and Stewart Reed. Congratulations to all!

ADJOURNMENT: Lew Ellingson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chuck Mitchell. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Terry & Carey will do the catering.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President

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