

Solidarity Committee

Meeting

October 13, 2023, 9:00am

Meeting called to order at 9:10am

1. Attendance was taken & a quorum was reached.
2. Introductions from chair and committee members, guests.
3. Explanation of how funding works was given.
4. Explanation of how requests for funding are made was given.
5. There is a google doc form to gather Solidarity Committee member's partners.
6. Review of Solidarity Committee Procedures

A motion was made to amend #3 from "A majority vote of the committee is necessary for approval of a recommendation." to "A majority vote of those committee members present at meeting or via email is necessary for approval of a recommendation."

A motion was made to amend #5 from \$250 to \$300.

Address item #5 Under normal conditions, the committee shall recommend up to a \$250 single maximum contribution for any request for funds, but in no instance shall the committee expend funds in excess of the annual budget for the committee.

10 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN

Motion is approved.

7. Motion to accept new procedure with amendment.

10 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN

Motion is approved.

8. For requests for more than \$300, we can approve up to \$300 then ask for the Executive Board to match. The form also has a line for additional funding.

9. Review of the Strategic Plan

A motion was made to accept the strategic plan.

10 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN

Motion approved.

10. Members can review the Strategic Plan on their own and if there are questions, please share with Sandra.

11. Fred Kowal visited the meeting and had a question about how our union is supporting other unions particularly in strike efforts, for example UAW. We need to get connected to other organizations via a strike support initiative/special budget line. This is an additional role for this committee. A dedicated strike support fund/budget line. Need to determine the amount/range; maybe work with the budget committee to get this done.

12. Solidarity Committee Procedures

A motion was made to add a new item #13

Financial support for union strikes and labor struggle approved by the Solidarity Committee and funds to be taken from the strike support budget line.

10 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN

Motion passed.

13. Solidarity Funding Requests
 - a. 13th Forward Resolution
Request for \$300
10 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
Request approved.
 - b. 13th Forward Resolution
Request for \$900
0 YES, 10 NO, 1 ABSTAIN
Request is not approved.
 - c. 13th Forward Resolution
Motion is made to reduce the request from \$900 to \$300 and to ask the Executive Board to match the \$300 request.
11 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
Request is approved.
 - d. Dunkirk Area Labor Council
Request for \$300
UUP will have their name on a plaque as well.
11 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
Request is approved.
14. For new committee items or requests for funding, please give Sandra a 2-week lead time to review and get information out to everyone.
15. The committee budget is \$5,000 per year.
16. We can also include student groups and advocacy day fund requests.
17. Introduction of Welcome Corps on Campus program by Dan Gashler Delhi
18. Funding Requests from the floor
 - a. Resolution to Fund Reproductive Rights
Request for \$6,000 total from the union, to bring this resolution to the Plenary.
This is supported by the Women's Rights & Concerns Committee
7 YES, 4 NO, 1 ABSTAIN
Request is approved to bring this to plenary.
19. Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes as we are over time.
8 YES, 4 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
Motion is passed.
20. Resolution in Support of Sensible Federal Government Priorities
10 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAIN
Motion is passed.

Meeting closed at 10:42am

Submitted by Cynthia M. Fasla

Minutes electronically submitted to Jeri O'Bryan-Losee Friday, October 13, 2023.

- Sandra Lewis, Chair, Solidarity Committee