

# Carpenters Local 1503 Executive Board Meeting April 28, 2020

**Called to order** @6:10pm via ZOOM (Covid-19 protocol) by President Dale Dvorak

## **Roll Call of Officers and Delegates**

All present except Trustee Bill Lewis

Guests present: James Lopez, Joe Fera

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

12 incoming; 1 outgoing (SEE attached list in email from hall)

## **REPORTS:**

1. Election Chair- Joe Fera
  - A. Report on Convention Delegate count
    - A1. Small number voter error on secrecy ballots and numerous in arrears.
  - B. Hoodies for volunteers
2. Political- Amber McCoy
  - A. May 19th Oregon Primary
  - B. Phone bank started tonight
    - B1. Welcomes involvement
3. Council Eboard- Paul Richter and Jason Sheckler
  - A. Motion passed: to support deferrment for rental on one of our properties, \$120,000
    - A1. Joe: high number for a month; clarified, \$930 per month
  - B. Number of members in region announced
  - C. QPR Training- Suicide Awareness; how to talk with members and refer them to help
    - C1. Scott and Dale participated... enlightening
    - C2. Amber has been advising training of such for Eboard and delegates
  - D. Council Survey (some could not take, eg. Paul); of 17,000, 2,0000+ answered:  
Working and safety understanding
    - D1. Amber points out conflict in numbers- 57% working vs. 77% unemployed.
  - E. Political- Matt Swanson on task force with governor on how to get our members back to work
  - F. Market Recovery (Jason)- details on which contractors receive support and why, in addition to what effect resulted; some improvement on Council sharing information.
    - F1. Scott: Evelyn permitted area organizing personnel to focus instead of region wide
4. LCSA Research Committee- Paul
  - A. Two recommendations:
    - A1. \$15,000 Donation to Labor Community Services
    - A2. \$100,000 CTAP through 1503
      - 1a. At discretion of LCS, \$200-\$750 per 1503 member, once.
        - aa. Joe Fig: how can we expedite? Paul: considered and still constructing with that in mind.
      - 2a. Shall we proceed is the question for the Eboard... just establish even without the money in the motion actually procured.

5. Merchandising- Scott and Amber
  - A. Masks- cotton - “LOCAL 1503”
    - A1. \$11,300
      - 1a. 5 to 6 weeks production
      - 2a. John: approved masks?
        - aa. KN95 (construction level), just white;
      - 3a. Amber: union-made?; making inquiries.
    - A2. Council providing some
  - B. Pins
    - B1. Pin designs provided by John- 6 designs
    - B2. Consideration: scaling back totals and total designs because of Convention changes
      - 1b. general consensus- fewer designs and fewer totals produced... “Margaret Ellings” favored.
6. Website- Dale
  - A. Daniel with Spartan Media is working on it.
  - B. Paul: smooth transition from former developer to the next requires communication
  - C. Paul: website needs to include more information for members, including minutes, etc.
7. Financial Secretary- Krista
  - A. Questions about CTAP- \$100,000
    - 1a. Amber: this isn’t a real set-aside but a budget-line

**Good of the Order:**

1. Paul- especially now, we need to include the membership in decisions, especially financial, and we don’t want to jeopardize local. We need information as to how to deal with this.
2. Dale- John Desmond’s excessive credit charges at Delegate Meetings
  - A. Discussion of incident, response, and general remedies commences:

What is excessive isn’t stated. Guidelines say only member, not for more than himself, other delegates too. Brother Desmond’s family was with him at the restaurant; no extras are approved.

A dollar limit existed previously, but the Eboard is the determiner of excess; the censured Delegate can protest and take up that protest before the membership. It was suggested that perhaps member knowledge of individual Delegate spending- receipts displayed - could curb excessive spending; however, this was opposed by another because minor differences in spending might likely draw petty distinctions. The Eboard had drafted stipend-changes, which included meals at \$75 a day. Conscious spending of the Local’s money; Council recommends that representatives consider what a rank-and-file member would spend on themselves.

3. Joe- Small business difficulties during Covid-19
  - A. Pied Piper and other Satellite Spots... continue paying as agreed
    - 1a. Multiple questions and options arise:
 

Was there an actual agreement and was it for the minimum of 10 members, and was this the same for the Beaverton location? Is Pied Piper receiving Federal payment? Instead, perhaps we could advertise for them, or buy pizza for healthcare workers or carpenters at hospitals or members.

      - aa. Joe wants the average paid, not just the minimum
    - 5a. Is this to be three separate motions or one motion to include healthcare workers and carpenter members?

4. John- Delegate preparation for General Convention, specific issues (these must be submitted in writing and go through the Council):
  - A. Change of name to gender neutral, international
  - B. Apprentices as stewards
  - C. Other
  - D. Reorder and edit "Our Principles"
  
5. Krista- Officer Elections  
Discussion: Can we do nominations and elections in June? Still need dispensation for Mail-in Elections; perhaps, without cancellation, walk-in Nominations in June and onsite elections could be combined. Can we postpone until August? Ask the question of the International. Could we delay election until first open meeting allowed by state since mail-in nominations, because these do not allow for immediate awareness of potential disinterest/voids, not might not produce enough spots? Dispensation can be requested but not employed, so let's proceed with multiple requests.  
Recording Secretary producing these for rapid Eboard approval, dissemination.

**New Business:**

1. Paul- Motion: Donate \$15,000 to Labor Services Committee.  
**MSP**  
(Jason votes NO. Krista wants it noted that she abstains until verification of permission to transfer funds from the General Fund to our Contingency Fund)
  
2. Paul- Motion: Establish CTAP of \$100,000 for our members.  
**MSP (unanimous)**
  
3. Paul-Motion: send letter to International, asking for advice on approving money and spending when we can't convene.  
**MSP (unanimous)**
  
4. Krista- Motion: Pay all bills.  
**MSP(unanimous)**
  
5. Joe- Motion: continue paying normal average bill to Pied Piper during the pandemic crisis.  
**MSF(2 Ayes; the rest nays)**
  
6. Jason- Motion: spend the average payments to satellite locales, when meetings are not taking place to purchase pizza for healthcare workers.  
Motion withdrawn  
**MSF**
  
7. Paul- Motion: For meetings cancelled due to Covid-19, to send the average amount of satellite meeting for member vouchers.  
(difficulty processing)  
**MSF**
  
8. Scott- Motion: to adjourn.  
**MSF**
  
9. Paul- Motion: cancel May Regular Meeting.  
**MSP**

10. Dale- Motion: adjourn.  
**MSP**

11. Joe- Motion: to reconvene.  
**MSP**

**Good of Order**

1. John- Informational Meeting on Zoom

**New Business:**

1. Amber- Motion: Informational Meeting to be held on Regular Meeting date.  
**MSP**

2. Motion to Adjourn  
**MSP**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50