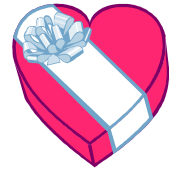


OPEIU LOCAL #9

Newsletter



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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

7:00 p.m.

(note new time)

Iron Workers Local 8

**12034 West Adler Lane
Milwaukee, WI**

Note New Time for General Membership Meeting

At the January Executive Board meeting it was voted on to move the time of the General Membership meetings to 7:00 pm starting with the February meeting. There was discussion that by holding the meeting at 7:00 pm more members would hopefully have the time needed to travel to the meeting. We will be looking for feedback from members about this change.

Do you have your Local 9 T-Shirt?

All ordered t-shirts have been given to each steward for distribution to our members. If you have not received your shirt, please check with your steward or call the Local 9 office. If you did not order a t-shirt, please call the office so we can compile a list of

those still in need of a shirt. Also, if you did not order a t-shirt because of the limited sizes we had available please contact the office as we have been able to expand the list of available sizes.

Changes to Local 9 Constitution & By-laws Proposed

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the Local has put together a proposal to update Local 9's Constitution & Bylaws. There will be reading of the changes at the January Membership meeting. In order to view the current Constitution & Bylaws please visit our website at www.opeiu9.org. The proposal will be read a second time at the February 16, 2010 Membership meeting and voted on at that time also. None of this can happen unless there is a quorum of at least 12 people present for these meetings.

Lori Schmidt, Chair

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Election for Delegates to the OPEIU International Convention Scheduled

Delegates to the OPEIU International convention will be elected at the March 16th general membership meeting.

The Local 9 Executive Board has authorized that 5 delegates be elected at this meeting. (5 is the maximum number of delegates allowed per Local under the International's constitution.) A delegate must be a member in good standing for twelve months prior to the convention.

At this time the location of the convention is unknown. The convention had been scheduled to be held in San Francisco at the St. Francis Hotel but due to a labor dispute those arrangements have been cancelled. The replacement city is not yet finalized.

The anticipated dates of the convention are that the convention begins on Sunday, June 27, 2010 with an Educational Conference. The actual convention would then begin on June 28th and run through July 1st. June 26th and July 2nd are the expected travel days.

Variety of Scholarships Available to Members and Their Children

Romeo Corbeil/Gilles Beauregard Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship offers an opportunity for children of OPEIU members to attend a summer camp and learn how a union works and why being in a union will provide them with better wages and benefits. Eligible children must be between the ages of 13 and 16. Applications must be filed by June 15, 2010 with the Camp held July 24 through July 31, 2010, in the Ozark Mountains and is run by the University of Missouri.

Howard Coughlin Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship offers 12 full-time and 6 part-time scholarships with at least one of each being awarded in each region. There is a family limit of one scholarship per lifetime. The deadline for the applications and all other required materials is March 31, 2010.

John Kelly Labor Studies Scholarship

This Fund offers 10 scholarships per year on the basis of at least one per region and a family lifetime limit of one. The maximum value of the scholarship is \$3,000 and only OPEIU members are eligible to apply.

Further information and applications are available on line at the OPEIU website go to www.opeiu.org and click on OPEIU Member Resources and go to the scholarship you are interested in.

Labor Council Delegate Spot Open

There is one open spot for an OPEIU member to fill on the Chicago Federation of Labor. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity should contact the Local office so the Executive Board can appoint you.

The Local is also looking at other Labor Councils to see if any additions or changes need to be made to our delegate lists. Anyone interested in serving as a delegate to your area Labor Council should contact the Local office.

As always if you have any problems do not hesitate to call or email the office.

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