

Minutes, General Meeting, March 26, 1997

SEIU 200B (Wynns, Feuer, McCullough); SEIU 200A (Bonthius); CSEA 849 (Brill); CSEA 855 (Keane, Burlison); UAW 802 (Keith); UAW 1326 (Teeter, Evans); Carpenters 603 (Steilen); NYSUT-Geo. Junior (Vollweiller); UAW 2300 (Davidoff); CSEA 1000 (W. Streeter); CSEA 605 (S. Streeter); APWU (Oates, Sullivan); Painters 178 (Joyce).

1. Viewing of "In the Shadow of the Tower" and discussion on livable wage struggle at Cornell, led by Al Davidoff.
2. Coert Bonthius led a discussion of the Labor Party's proposed constitutional amendment and organizing strategy for a livable wage. Various viewpoints were heard.
3. Chuck Wynns moved and Coert seconded the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1 - passed unanimously.
4. Coert moved and Chuck seconded the proposed amendment to Article X, Section 3 - passed with one abstention.
5. Steering Committee elections will take place at next General Meeting in May. Mike Oates nominated Coert Bonthius to fill Al's co-chair position until elections in May, seconded by Sue Brill - unanimous.
6. Connie Teeter, Linda Smith and Mandy Ellis will coordinate outreach and organizing for the Ask a Working Woman campaign in Cortland. UAW 2300 will perhaps take the lead in Tompkins. Carl will order a supply of surveys and buttons. Each Union will order their own supply of surveys and distribute.
7. There was general support to send/finance a MCLC rep to the march in support of the strawberry workers organizing campaign in Watsonville. No decision on amount of support till someone actually steps forward.
8. Workers Memorial Day: Mark Keith will ask Ron Powell to contact Roger Coon with respect to a possible memorial to his son, killed by Albany International in Cortland. Carl will contact Rochester and Syracuse to find out what they are doing.
9. The Labor Coalition's ad hoc committee on Finance will meet Tuesday, April 1, 4 pm at the Workers' Rights Board office in Cortland (26 Court St). All are welcome.
10. Will Streeter proposed reinstituting the coordinating committee for organizing. He, Coert, Chuck to set a time for a meeting. Carl will contact others.

Next Gen. Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, TC3