

Minutes from August 2, 1984, meeting, Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall, Ithaca.

Meeting called to order 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jim Morrisette, Ithaca City Mayor John Gutenberger addressed the meeting, speaking on a variety of topics including the need for unions to form some cohesive unit, the acute need for more practical job-market training for young people, the concerns of his constituents on finding and keeping jobs, and the problem of attracting and keeping businesses in the locality.

Ralph Conat gave the next chapter in the continuing saga of Machinists and Morse Chain, reporting some progress in negotiations with Borg Warner, but less encouragement with Emerson. Charlie French reported on the settlement of the Cornell/Building Trades contract, while Paul Carlson told of Franklin Printing's first contract. The Ithaca Journal Employees reported no significant progress in their talks, and the chairman expressed the opinion that the Journal had a history of expressing censorship by omission, and suggested that perhaps the Coalition should give some attention to the problem. The membership also discussed possible measures of helping the Postal Workers in their struggles.

Paul Carlson and Mike Cohen reported on the Dump Reagan kickoff meeting, which was well-attended and optimistic, and on the voter registration efforts, which have been highly successful, averaging approximately 169 registrants per day.

Committees reported that plans for the Labor Day picnic were continuing apace and the Runaway Shop Legislation Committee, having received sample legislation from Frank Barbaro, hoped to have a draft soon. Coalition Funding and Labor Education programs were briefly discussed and effectively tabled until the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour and the sudden arrival of our second speaker, candidate for Assemblyman, 125th District, John Currey. Mr. Currey requested the support of the Coalition in his drive to unseat his opponent, Republican Sam McNeil. He told us that he feels people should have representation which is responsible and responsive. His qualifications include experience with John Lindsay's administration, and he pointed out that Mr. McNeil had repeatedly voted against the interests of his constituents.

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