

**General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**TELEPHONE TOWN HALL**

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jeff Traeger, President, who chaired the meeting.

1. **Roll Call of Officers Present:** Jeff Traeger, **President**; Marie Buchan, **Secretary Treasurer**; Sandy Barylski, **Vice-President**; Kathy Brnjas, **Vice-President**; Alex Ciumac, **Vice-President**; Wes Connell, **Vice-President**; Charlene Desjarlais, **Vice-President**; Dianne Gibson-Pierce, **Vice-President**; Dave Hamalainen, **Vice-President**; Rob Jessup, **Vice-President**; Lisa Larosa, **Vice-President**; Frank Manaigre, **Vice-President**; Dean Rodwell, **Vice-President**; Roger Siemens, **Vice-President**; John Sulyma, **Vice President**; Malcolm Welch, **Vice-President**; Tim Whitford, **Vice-President**

2. **2022 Town Hall Meetings:** President Traeger started the February 8, 2022 GMM by reading the UFCW Local 832 Land Acknowledgement. President Traeger requested that before the meeting is formally started, he would like to again say Thank You to all of the members who continue to work on the front lines during this pandemic.

President Traeger then reviewed the format for the Telephone Town Hall meetings where the President and Secretary-Treasurer's reports as well as the minutes from the previous Town Hall meeting are available on the UFCW Local 832 website for members to read and will be asked to vote and approve as posted.

President Traeger also provided an update on the Local's office protocols during this unprecedented pandemic and advised we will continue to work on behalf of all of our members

3. **Special Guest: Geoff Bergen – Union Representative and UFCW Canada Young Workers Committee Member**

Geoff provided an overview of the UFCW National Office Young Worker Internship program and the opportunities it provides for young UFCW members to become involved and provide opportunities to learn about UFCW and obtain knowledge about the broader movement in Canada, North America and around the globe.

Geoff also provided an overview of how Local 832 is engaging young members with the help of Loretto Gutierrez, Organizing Co-ordinator for Local 832, which included a hockey night at the local, informal

meet and greet opportunities which provide the opportunities for 832 members and their friends to attend and a focus on young workers.

Geoff also discussed the “Safe Workers of Tomorrow” program and the knowledge and experiences it can provide for our young workers entering the workforce, knowing their rights, knowing the risks, and knowing what questions they can ask.

4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

5. **Special Guest: Crystal Klippenstein, Communications Coordinator**

Secretary Treasurer Marie Buchan, provided an overview of the UFCW Local 832 Women’s and Gender Equity Committee, which is dedicated to connecting female identifying union members and advancing the goals of the labour movement and of Manitoba organizations and support of women. Secretary Treasurer Marie Buchan then introduced Crystal Klippenstein, who along with Loretto Gutierrez and Roberta Hoogervorst lead this committee for Local 832.

Crystal Klippenstein provided an overview of how this committee is starting fresh and taking a new approach to check in with the members and get their feedback. Last fall the committee surveyed the female identifying members to ask about priorities. The three topics of most interest were health and wellness, workplace health and safety and bullying and workplace violence. This feedback provided the committee the opportunities to put some information in place and to connect with our members who want to become involved. As of right now there are approx. 10 members. This committee is a diverse group of women and we are building a team that’s going to do incredible work in supporting each other, the labour movement and all Manitoba women.

Discussion of the next steps and focus for the year ahead were reviewed and if there is anyone who would like to join this committee information can be found on [UFCW832.com/wge](http://UFCW832.com/wge).

6. **m/s/c TO accept the Financial Report for the 11 month period ending November, 2021.**

7. **Presidents Report:  
m/s/c TO accept the President’s report as posted.**

8. **Open Questions**

Throughout the meeting there were 3 questions asked and answered.

**m/s/c to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**Recorded by Deborah Jones, Recorder**

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*A full transcription and a list of members taking part in the telephone town hall are kept on file in a binder and stored with these minutes.*