

UUP Oneonta Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6:30 PM, Virtual

Present: (13)

Zoom: (13) Shirley Clark, Mark Ferrara, Penina Kamina, Achim Koeddermann, Mike McAvoy, Geoff O'Shea, Bill Simons, Nancy Simons, Jessie Simpauco, Loraine Tyler, Rich Tyler, Matthew Unangst, and Ed Wesnofske

I. President Shirley Clark called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

A. Executive Board members were thanked for making time in their busy schedules to attend this special meeting with a single agenda item, consideration and vote on the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Tonight's special meeting is necessitated by the February 27, 2027, State UUP deadline for Chapter budget request submissions. To expedite tonight's meeting, the budget proposal was previously sent to the Executive Board members with the expectation that they would familiarize themselves with it prior to this evening's meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report on 2025-2026 Budget Proposal: Rich Tyler

A. The 2025-2026 budget proposal represents the collaborative work on the treasurer and the Chapter finance committee. In addition, Rich met with State UUP staff and elected officers during the construction of the 2025-2026 budget proposal.

B. Rich went over the line item 2025-2026 budget proposal and noted:

(i) State UUP approves of Oneonta Chapter building expenditures.

(ii) Oneonta needs to spend down its reserves prior to new requests.

(iii) It is anticipated that the Oneonta Chapter website will move to the State UUP website and thus not subsequently incur a Chapter expense.

(iv) Oneonta does not have a fiscal problem. Additional funding is available through supplementary requests and the Chapter Support Line as well as in the next budget cycle.

C. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025-2026 budget proposal.

D. During discussion of the 2025-2026 budget proposal, information provided and questions asked included:

(1) Rich will check on regulations about including state legislators participating in a luncheon meeting at which they will speak. More generally, concerns were raised and discussed about the effectiveness of events with food in creating Chapter activism as well as over-ordering waste.

(ii) There was discussion concerning Chapter office staffing.

E. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to end discussion and to bring to a vote the 2025-2026 budget proposal.

F. The 2025-2026 budget proposal was approved unanimously 12-0-0. (Secretary's Addendum: In regard to the recorded attendance of 13 and the recorded unanimous 12 vote, Matthew Unangst departed prior to the vote.)

G. Prior to submission of the 2025-2026 Oneonta budget proposal to State UUP, it needs to be voted on at the next UUP Oneonta Chapter meeting.

III. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Submitted by Bill Simons, Secretary