

15/Now Tacoma Minutes, 07/07/2019

Attendance:

COORDINATORS: Facilitator: *Ryan T, Note Taker, Alan OS.*

ATTENDEES: *Ryan, Sean, Kathy L, Alan, Steven S, Valeria SJ*

Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves and discussed a bit about their activities. Steve is a friend of David Cohen, a City Council candidate. Kathy L is a citizen journalist, involved in a variety of activities around tenants' rights, LNG plant, and immigration. Ryan is the convener of the new 15 Now Tacoma and is a nurse. Valeria is a student here for only a few months but may return to Tacoma later after her studies are complete. She is interested in contributing. Sean and Steven are from Progressive Students at UW. Alan is a 15 Now volunteer and the webmaster.

Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

1. Proposed agenda was adopted without modifications
2. Minutes of last meeting were briefly discussed, and minutes were unanimously adopted

Reports/Discussion

1. **Discussion of Signature Gathering.** xx
 - A.
2. **Organizing the Forum**
 - A. We discussed having a forum about the \$15/hour minimum wage and low-wage workers. The forum would have speakers and workshops on how a raise in the minimum wage would benefit the local economy and help reduce poverty. We would have speakers from different groups, possibly DSA. The Laborer's Union will provide a speaker, as will Progressive Students, and we will have a speaker. We talked about a signature gathering workshop, maybe one on leaflet design and leafleting. If Progressive Students were the official sponsors, we could have this workshop on campus.
 - B. We had a sheet for volunteers to sign up for various outreach projects, such as a telephone tree, social media tree to help it go more viral. We need to set up a date.
3. **Discussion of Common Objections**

Alan briefly discussed some common objections people raise to raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour and how we can deal with them.

Next Meeting Plans: The next meeting has been set up. Here are the details.

COORDINATORS

- **Facilitator:** Ryan
- **Note Taker:** Alan

LOGISTICS:

- **Event:** General volunteer activists meeting
- **Time/Date:** Aug 4, 2019 2:30 to 4 PM
- **Place:** Bostwick Café Upstairs Meeting Room
764 Broadway
Tacoma, WA 98402

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

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