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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Start at 6 PM on the 3rd Thursday each month, at the Floorcoverers Apprenticeship and Training Center, 680 Olive St., St. Paul, MN. Food and pop are served. If you have concerns or items of interest please let this office know.

For questions on health & welfare or pension questions contact the Twin Cities Floor Covering Industry Fringe Benefit Fund Office: Website: www.zenithadmin.com.

Zenith Administrators
PO Box 73
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Office Hours
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Locally 651-256-1803 Toll Free 1800-788-5885

UBC 40th General Convention Call

In August 2010 the United Brotherhood of Carpenters will be holding the 40th General Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Based on the current membership numbers Local # 596 will be allowed to send three delegates to this convention. Nominations and Elections will be held at the Regular Membership meeting in April 15, 2010 beginning at 6 P.M. at the Floor Covering Training Center – 680 Olive Street, Saint Paul.

Nomination Rules are as follows:

(Per Section 31.D, of the Constitution of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America)

1. Must be present at time of nomination unless away on union business or prevented by accident sickness or other substantial reason.
2. Must be working at the trade (not retired), or depending on the trade for a livelihood, or employed as a full-time officer or representative, provided further that life-time members, apprentices, trainees or probationary employees are not eligible.
3. Members must have been twelve consecutive months a member **in good standing immediately prior to nomination** in this local, and a member of the UBC for two consecutive years immediately prior to nominations, and must remain a member in good standing at all times to remain in the position to which elected.
4. Employers are not eligible, nor shall a member who has been a contractor within the six months prior to nominations be qualified. (Notification in writing that he/she ceased contracting must have been received by the Local office at least six months prior to nominations.)

Voters Eligibility Rules are as follows:

(Per Section 42.J, of the Constitution of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America)

- No member shall be eligible to vote for Officers or Delegates unless that person has been a member at least 12 consecutive months.
- You must be in good standing on your dues at time of voting. You can square up the day of the election.
- Employer members are not eligible to vote.
- Must be present at the time of the election (no absentee ballots allowed).
- Retired members can vote for officers/delegates, but cannot vote on contract ratification issues.

Negotiations

Opening letters have been sent out to the contractors and negotiations will commence over the next several weeks.

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now available at the Local Office.

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Available to Local 596 members and their dependants.
- Member must be in goodstanding as of April 1, 2010.
- We will be awarding four (4) $600.00 scholarships; which will be
- randomly drawn from those applicants with a "B" average or higher.
- Must attend an accredited college (minimum of 9 credits for college students) or be graduating from high school and intend to enroll in an accredited college.
- Official sealed transcript must be included along with completed application, and
- returned no later than 4:00 PM on April 1, 2010

Stop by during regular business hours or give us a call and we'll mail an application out to you. Good luck students!

Summer 2010 Local # 596 Picnic

Mark your calendar: At the Regular Membership meeting in November 2009 action was taken to hold a picnic this coming summer. We have reserved the pavilion at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton, MN. The picnic will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please notify the Local. We'll have more details as the date gets closer.

Pheasants Forever Banquet

Pheasants Forever Chapter 844 *Carpenters for Conservation* will be holding its Third Annual Banquet on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Social hour will begin at 5:30 P.M., at the Great Hall – 710 Olive Street, St. Paul, MN, 55130. You are invited to get involved. Membership packages start at $50.00. To receive a registration form, contact the Local or the Regional Council office in St. Paul.

Our Deepest Condolences.....

Retired member Don Trocke lost his mother, Marcella Jans, on January 24, 2010. Marcella was 89 years old.

Sympathies to family and friends of past member Bill Heldt Sr. who passed away February 25, 2010. Bill was a member of Local # 596 for many years and is the father of current member Bill Heldt Jr. (Commercial Flooring Services).

Past member Jay McGowan also passed away on February 25, 2010. Jay was a member for many years as well.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

Benefit for Local # 596 Member Jeff Petschl's Brother Tim

Tim Petschl sustained a life changing spinal cord injury in a motorcycle accident in May 2009. The main goal of the fundraiser is to provide a specially equipped vehicle for Tim to drive. The benefit will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 4-8 PM at the IBEW Local 110 Union Hall, 1330 Conway Street, St Paul, MN 55106. Suggested donation is $10 and includes hotdog, chips and beverage. There will be a silent auction (5:00-7:00), Bingo and raffles with donations totaling over $10,000. If unable to attend, but would like to make a monetary donation, please send to: Tim Petschl Benefit c/o Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1466 Portland Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55104. For any other questions please call benefit coordinator Julie at 651-334-1803.

Employers Owing Two Months or More Fringes (as of March 1, 2010): American Contract Flooring. B&B Hardwood, Marlow Floor Covering, MaxPro Flooring LLC, Patco Inc. Vaughan Floorcovering Inc.

Tax Time (Working dues for tax purposes):

To figure how much you paid in working dues during the past year simply take your total taxable income and multiply by 3%. You can get the total taxable income from your last pay stub of the year and/or your W2. This is your legal document. Also for the monthly dues the 2009 rates were:

	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
JM	21.05	22.05
APPR	21.05	22.05
MH	51.05	52.05

North Central States Regional Council Food Shelf in St. Paul

The Retirees group runs a food shelf at the Saint Paul Offices (710 Olive Street). The food shelf is open for members on Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. With increased use of the food shelf, supplies are quickly dwindling **we ask those who can to please donate**.

With Spring & Summer Just Around the Corner...

& more and more time spent outdoors enjoying warmer weather we want to encourage everyone to be aware of more pedestrians on the roads and paths. Safety and awareness can protect more than just your health. Preventable injuries are one reason health care costs are rising. When someone has a bicycle accident while not wearing a helmet, his or her injuries can be much more serious – and much more expensive to treat. In fact, wearing bicycle helmets would prevent an estimated 500 bicycle-related fatalities and 151,000 non-fatal head injuries each year, and would save more that $3 billion in health care costs. Because we're all paying for the rising costs of health care through increased insurance premiums, coinsurance and deductibles, we all have a role to play in keeping it affordable. By simply wearing bicycle helmets, buckling seat belts and using other safety equipment and making sure our children do so, too – we can help prevent the upset of unnecessary injuries and save billions of dollars in unnecessary medical expenses.

When it comes to the cost of health care, your choices make a difference.

Fare For All *Express*

In past Newsletters we have notified you of the Fare For All *Express* program. They have posted their 2010 pick-up dates (see page 6). To summarize, the program is part of the Emergency Foodshelf Network and works with community partners to offer quality affordable grocery packages each month. In addition to great cost-saving on food purchases, Fare For All *Express* is also committed to improving local communities. They encourage participants to contribute two hours of volunteer services each month. In 2007, Fare For All participants gave 145,500 hours of time volunteering. Fare For All *Express* is open to everyone! There are no income-based requirements for participation and does not affect your eligibility to receive food from the foodshelf. No advance payment is necessary. Go to 411 Main Street in St. Paul on the dates listed on page 6, and take home your package. They accept cash, EBT cards, credit and debit cards.

Fare For All *Express* (continued)

FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS
Labor & Professional Center- 411 Main Street St. Paul, MN
FRIDAYS 11:00 am-1:00 pm
2010 Dates

Mar 26	Apr 23	May 28	Jun 25	Jul 30
Aug 27	Sept 24	Oct 22	Nov 19	Dec 17

Struggling to make those mortgage payments?

The Saint Paul AFL-CIO Community Services working in partnership with United Way has released a list of mortgage counselors that can advocate on your behalf and assist you with possible options. Don't wait until it's too late – Call Now!

Ramsey County

St Paul – City of St Paul Foreclosure Prevention Program	651-266-6626
St Paul – Community Neighborhood Housing Services	651-292-8710
Suburban Ramsey County – Lutheran Social Services	1-800-777-7419
Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only)	651-292-0131

Washington County

Washington County HRA	651-458-0936 x542
Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only)	651-292-0131

Dakota County

Dakota County Community Development Agency	651-675-4555
Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only)	651-292-0131

Chisago County

Lutheran Social Services	1-800-777-7419

Anoka County

Anoka County Community Action Program	763-783-4880
Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only)	651-292-0131

Carver County

Carver County HRA	952-448-7715 x3
Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only)	651-292-0131

Hennepin County

City of Minneapolis – Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	612-331-4090 x3
City of Minneapolis – PRG, Inc.	612-805-7756
City of Minneapolis – Neighborhood Housing Services of Mpls	612-521-3581
Suburban Hennepin County – Community Action Partnership	952-933-1993
Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only)	651-292-0131

Isanti County

Lutheran Social Services	1-800-777-7419

Meeker & McLeod Counties

Lutheran Social Services	1-800-777-7419

Struggling to make those mortgage payments? (continued)

Scott County

Carver County HRA 952-448-7715 x3

Neighborhood Development Alliance (Spanish Speaking Clients Only) 651-292-0131

If you are having difficulty finding a local provider, feel free to call the Minnesota Home Ownership Center at 651-659-9336 (outstate: 866-462-6466). More info on the web at www.hocmn.org or contact Lynne Larkin-Wright at the St Paul Regional Labor Federations Labor Studies and Resources Center at 651-222-3787 x16.

Upgrade Schedule

MARCH				
3/15/2010	Monday	Hand Sewing	4:30 PM	
3/18/2010	Thursday	INSTALL Carpet Refresher	Follows Metro Union Meeting	Information needed to complete INSTALL Carpet Certification
3/23/2010	Tuesday	INSTALL Resilient Certification	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Come & complete your INSTALL Resilient Certification. **Call to reserve a spot. Availability is limited.**
3/25/2010	Thursday	Direct Scribing	4:30 PM	
3/29/2010	Monday	Diagonal Tile Layout	4:30 PM	Information needed to complete INSTALL Resilient Certification
3/31/2010	Wednesday	Rubber Stair Treads & Stringers	4:30 PM	
APRIL				
4/5/2010	Monday	Hardwood Installation **(Rochester)**	Follows Rochester Union Mtg	
4/6/2010	Tuesday	Upgrade to be determined **(Duluth)**	Follows Duluth Union Mtg	
4/8/2010	Thursday	Stretch in Carpet Basics	4:30 PM	Lean the basics for stretch in carpet.
4/13/2010	Tuesday	Heat Welding	4:30 PM	
4/15/2010	Thursday	Engineered Flooring	Follows Metro Union Meeting	
4/20/2010	Tuesday	Ardex: Moisture Mitigation Certification	All Day Event Starting at 8am	Bill Hall with Ardex will be doing the presentation. **Call to RSVP**
4/22/2010	Thursday	Power Groovers and Robotic Welders	4:30 PM	
4/26/2010	Monday	Pattern Matching w/Kool Glide	4:30 PM	
4/28/2010	Wednesday	Steps with Baluster	4:30 PM	

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651/221-1304 or 651/221-1305

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General Convention Call

Delegate Nominations & Elections this April

See Pg 2 for more details.