
Minutes of the New York City Committee Left Wing Section, Socialist Party, March 9, 1919

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March 9th, 1919.

A meeting of the City Committee of the Left Wing Section of the SP was held at 43 W 29th St., with Comrade Joe Brodsky in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Benjamin Cosav of 1593 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, was seated as delegate from the 12th AD [Assembly District], NY.

A communication from Theodore Debs read. A motion carried that a committee be elected to go and see Debs personally.

A communication from the Lettish [Latvian] Branch stated that the branch as a whole has decided to join the Left Wing. Their delegates will attend next week.

A communication from 20th AD asking for \$5.50 for a glass door broken during the course of a Left Wing meeting. Motion carried to pay the bill.

A communication from Bristol, Pa., asking for a speaker to explain the meaning of Left Wingism read. A motion carried that Comrade E. Lindgren be sent to Bristol, Pa.

Another communication asking for an explanation of Left Wing Tactics from South Bend, Indiana. A motion carried that we send

them the manifesto, and that the one who goes to see Debs should stop at South Bend, Indiana and fill the request.

A communication from San Francisco asking what the Left Wing is toward the IWW and the AF of L. A motion carried that we send them the Manifesto.

Committee Reports.

Executive Secretary reports \$141.35 expenses for the week. Collection at debate, \$187.50. Comrade Stokes pledge, \$25.00.

Financial report accepted.

A motion to recall old Financial Secretary carried. Comrade Milton Goodman elected new Financial Secretary.

Publicity Committee reports that the *Call* had rejected the ad of the Left Wing and upon protest had made a ruling that our ads should be accepted provided that reference to the Left Wing be omitted and that the signature of those calling the meeting be included. A recommendation was made that a committee be appointed to state our case before the Call Association. This suggestion was incorporated in a motion and carried.

Comrades [Jay] Lovestone, [Harry] Hiltzig, and Bert Wolfe elected to the committee.

Membership Committee reports progress.

A motion carried that we send a letter to all branches and to the NEC (National Executive Committee) and to the State Executive Committee explaining the holding up of membership cards in the SP (Socialist Party) and that delegates to the Central Committee bring up the delayed applications for membership in the Central Committee.

Solomon Pouchuck seated as a delegate from the 2nd AD, 339 E 20th Street.

V. Sandlofer, 144 E Broadway seated as a delegate from the same branch.

A motion carried that we instruct delegates to the central committee to vote for permission to form a new Jewish branch in the 23rd AD, Kings.

Comrade [Eadmonn] MacAlpine reports the abject conditions of the Lawrence strikers.

A motion carried that we invite Comrade MacAlpine to address the Brooklyn Monday night meeting and that the proceeds of that meeting go to the Lawrence strikers.

A motion that we give \$50 to the Lawrence strikers adopted.¹

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