
Official Minutes of the General Committee of the Socialist Party of St. Louis, August 25, 1919

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St. Louis, Mo., August 25, 1919.

Temporary General Committee, created by the Executive Committee, called to order at 8:10 pm at 940 Chouteau Avenue, by Secretary [William] Brandt.

The secretary then, speaking for the Executive Committee, outlined the reasons for this meeting and those who were eligible to take part in the proceedings.

Comrade [Phil] Wagner was then elected chairman.

The roll call was then taken and showed the following to be present, representing the branches as noted and all of whom had signed the pledge card:

Ward 1 — Wieger and Shepard; 3-18 — Onken; 8-9 — Franz; 10 — Brandt and Pfister; 11 — Gergs, Hoehn, and Boelling; 12 East — Kloth; 13 North — Pauls; 14 — Wagner and Gerdes; 15-16 — Hellwig and Deurkop; 19-20 — Tscudin; 22 — Aldrich; 24 — Michler, Rauss, Patterson, Aughivan, and Lornz; 26 — Seifert; 27 South — Petersen; 27 North — Grahn; Bohemian — Sirokiy; Jewish — Kean, Feld, and Moin; Scandinavian — Larson; Jennings — Gutjahr.

A motion was then made and carried that the roll call of the branches be held and as each branch is called, discussion be held as to the mode of procedure.

By motion it was decided that the reorganization of the following branches be referred to the Executive Committee: 6-7, 8-9, 12 West, 13 South, 27 North, Gravois German, German Women, and all the other branches, delegates present to take care of this work.

Motion made and carried that the Executive Committee meet Wednesday evening, August 27th, to carry out this work.

Motion made and carried that only those who sign the pledge card be admitted to membership in Local St. Louis.

Comrade Proske, who was present, upon his request was granted the floor and entered a general complaint against the whole mode of procedure, including the revocation of the charter. He was asked to sign one of the pledge cards and refused.

Secretary then reported as follows: that the tabulated vote showed Proske, Braun, Hoehn, and Brandt to be elected as delegates to the National Emergency Convention; also that Proske had called at the office this morning and that he, Brandt, informed Proske to this effect and that he asked Proske to sign a pledge card, the same as all of the others had signed; that Proske refused and demanded that what I [Brandt] had to take up with him be reduced to writing. Brandt further reported and read copy of letter which he had forwarded this day to both Proske and Braun, calling their attention to the fact that they had been notified of last Sunday's meeting [Aug. 24, 1919], that neither of them had attended, nor had they signed the pledge card; that one of the provisions laid down in the reorganization of the local was that each person must sign a pledge card and that he had enclosed a pledge card along with this letter.

By motion the action of the secretary was concurred in.

Proske was again requested to sign a pledge card and again refused.

Motion made and carried that this General Committee meet again Monday, September 15th, 1919, 8:00 pm, at 940 Chouteau Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

W.M. Brandt,
Secretary.

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