
CLP National Executive Committee

Minutes:

Jan. 3 to 23, 1920.

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January 3, 1920

Adopted maximum unity demands, as appended, but these are amended rules, amendments having been made at a later meeting.

Elected Lindgren and Wagenknecht a committee to confer with Ruthenberg and Ferguson regarding a unity conference.

Elected Lindgren, Wagenknecht, and Bilan (alternates: Jakira, Gitlow, and Owens) the committee to arrange for a unity conference in Cleveland with influential members of the CP as per [Fritz] Friedmann letter, providing conference with Ruthenberg and Ferguson did not result favorably.

Meeting of January 4 and 5th.

Sublet headquarters building and rent a room in it for the National Office.

That important business of the office to be conducted elsewhere.

That the mailing list of the *Voice of Labor* be circularized for bona fide subscribers, that an edition of this paper be published as soon as possible and only in number to cover bona fide subscriptions.

That Lindgren, Gitlow, and Wagenknecht be a committee on legality.

That a call be issued to members to contribute a day's wages to the National Office.

That Katterfeld be elected alternate International Delegate.

That Finkelberg, Gitlow, and [A.] Pauly act as alternate executives.

That Executive Committee secure privilege of sending representative abroad. Representative elected.

That a leaflet be issued by the Editorial Board, addressed to the workers of all countries, asking for support, moral and financial, and calling attention to the persecution the workers of this country are subject to.

Later Meeting.

Lindgren elected to proceed to Washington, DC to represent the CLP before the Department of Labor upon question of deportation.

Meeting of January 23rd.

Katterfeld, chairman.

Communication from Communist Party (verbal), asking for an official committee to meet a like committee from the CP regarding the question of unity. Decided to hold such a meeting January 24 [1920] at 10 am.

Elected comrade to conduct office at 208 E 12th Street.

Paid A.F. Key \$50.00 as back wages. Credentials voted to Key, who will leave for England.

Motion: 5,000 copies each of *Voice of Labor* and *Communist Labor* be published for the present. *Carried.*

Lore, Jakira, and Gitlow to act as Editorial Board for *Voice of Labor* and Lore, Jakira, and Wagenknecht to act as Editorial Board for *Communist Labor*.

That NEC disapproves of main article in *Toiler* of Jan. 14 [1920] because we know of no proof at this time to substantiate the charges made and therefore this article tends to react upon Communist movement.

Financial report made. Three organizers to be placed afield as finances permit. Lindgren given \$100 for organization work. Gitlow to see about bail for Ellis Island comrade.

Adjourned.

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