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# Minutes of the New York City Committee Left Wing Section, Socialist Party, Feb. 2, 1919

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February 2nd, 1919.

The first meeting of the City Central Committee of the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party, was held at 43 W 29th Street, (New York) with Comrade E. Lindgren in the chair.

\$410.29 was turned over to the treasurer.

\$ 60.00 turned over to the Executive Secretary for work.

A debate has been arranged for March 2nd [1919], by Executive Secretary if Comrade [John] Reed is in town.

The following members were elected to serve on the International Bureau of the Left Wing.

Comrades Stokes (Rose Pastor)  
Larkin (Jim)  
Hourwich [Nicholas]  
Reed (Jack)

A motion to ask other Left Wings to cooperate was carried.

The following Speakers' Committee was elected:

Comrades Bert Wolfe  
Ed Lindgren  
Max Cohen

The City Committee concurred in the election of John Reed as New York editor of *The Revolutionary Age*. (Published at Boston, Mass.)

Comrade Lehman elected as business and circulating manager.

The following committee was elected to ascertain the cost of maintaining an office.

Comrades Stokes  
Fannie Horowitz  
Larkin  
Cohen, ex-officio.

A motion carried that each member of the organization pay a regular monthly assessment of 10 cents.

A motion to print regular dues cards, carried.

The following were chosen as County Organizers:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Carl Brodsky    | New York County  |
| Ed Lindgren     | Kings County     |
| [Ben] Gitlow    | Bronx            |
| Aarons          | Queens County    |
| Nick Hourwich   | Russian Branches |
| [Harry] Hiltzig | Jewish Branches  |

Executive Secretary to communicate with Comrade Bruns of Richmond as to her attitude on the Left Wing before she is elected as county organizer for Richmond.

The Executive Secretary also to communicate with Boston as to the rebate rates on the *Revolutionary Age* for New York.

Motion carried that we guarantee business manager \$25 a week.

Motion carried to refer matter of Jewish [Yiddish language] Left Wing paper to Press Com.

The following members are elected to serve on the Press Committee:

Comrades Hammer (Dr. Julius)  
[Jay] Lovestone  
Fannie Horowitz  
Hiltzig  
Spanier

Motion to submit question of advertising to Press Committee carried.

Motion that City Committee furnish instructions to Country Organizers for concerted action, carried.

Motion carried that we withhold support from the \$100,000 fund (*Call* Fund) until such time as the *Call* is party owned, and that we demand a referendum on that question.<sup>1</sup>

Motion carried that we instruct our delegates to oppose the amnesty conference. That our delegates bring resolutions repudiating the Berne Conference.

The following committee elected to bring out the [Left Wing] manifesto in pamphlet form:

Stokes  
Hammer  
Cohen  
Bert Wolfe  
Hourwich

Meeting adjourned to Sunday, March 2nd at 6 pm.

*Edited with a footnote by Tim Davenport*

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<sup>1</sup> *The New York Call* (1908-1923) was the daily newspaper of the Socialist Party.