

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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**AFSCME LOCAL 2822**

**March 4, 2009**

The Membership meeting at the Southdale Library was called to order by President Stetler.

### **Roll call of officers:**

Present - Stetler, Malecki, Hanson, Whetstone, Smith, Schot, Salmon, Nicole, Baird

Excused - Bell, Lor

Unexcused -

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

We had 23 members present.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY-JEANNE WHETSTONE**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **CORRESPONDENCE—PRESIDENT LYNN STETLER**

- Alice Merrill, a founding member of the Local, phoned L. Stetler this week. She had been interviewed for an newsletter article on the Local for Council 5's Stepping up and was wondering how we were doing after 30 years. She helped organize Local 2822 back when she was working in Family Services. The story will appear in April.

### **REPORTS**

#### **PRESIDENT—LYNN STETLER**

- Every Department has been asked to take a 10% budget cut.
- There are numerous Brown Bag Lunches scheduled around the County with Richard Johnson. T. Richert attended one and encouraged everyone to attend. Everyone was very friendly and it was very informal.
- Check out the Administration website on the County Intranet including the Message Board that has been set up for employee comments.
- Local President's meet with Richard Johnson this Thursday at

8 a.m.

- Policy Committee has been meeting about negotiations and has not come up with any clear path to go.
- It has been announced that there will be furloughs. Our contract does allow for this. The Commissioners have asked upper Management to take off 3 days without pay.
- Day on the Hill is March 10-11.

**TREASURER—WALTER HANSON**

- The total balance is \$51,736.59. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.
- The 2009 Budget was also presented. The Budget Committee of L. Stetler M. Malecki, T. Smith, and W. Hanson found some new ways to save money. We are now trying to use more vacation time to save using Union SLWOP for important events. The E-Board is also going to try and meet every other month before the Membership meeting to also save on using Union SLWOP. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Budget.

**MEMBERSHIP—DIRK SCHOT**

- Has been receiving lots of information from J. Carlson
- K. Ketcham from County Attorney's Office wants to help with membership.

**CHIEF STEWARD—THERESA SMITH/MARILYN BELL**

- There are three written grievances up for appeal. These grievances have been to the Council 5 Arbitration Team and were turned down. They are now back in the hands of the Local and a decision has to be made to appeal them or not. The E-Board is not going to appeal the Council 5 decision. R. Castellano wanted to know the reasons why not and after much discussion J. Carlson called the question to discontinue the decision. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

### **COUNCIL 5 E-BOARD—MOLLY MALECKI**

- The budget has been the main topic at meetings.
- New ways of getting revenue has been discussed.
- Education Minnesota has had lots of commercial coverage.

### **STAFF REPORT—STEVE MARINCEL**

- Remember that Day on the Hill is March 10 & 11. We need a large turnout to accomplish everything. 19 people have signed up from the union. There is still time to sign up if you want to go.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- N. Crouse distributed information on the economy and CEO's.
- K. Ketcham asked about how we could get more people to the meetings. Would recording the meetings help?
- The website is getting updated.
- K. Larson brought up that the constitution on the website is outdated. He made a motion, it was seconded and then amended and then passed about updating the constitution.
- W. Hanson made a motion that the E-Board study the feasibility and revision of the constitution and bring it back to the membership. It was seconded and passed.

Next Membership meeting is Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 7PM at the Central Library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Whetstone  
Recording Secretary