

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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May 6, 2009

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

Roll call of officers:

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

Excused – Smith, Lor

INTRODUCTIONS

We had 22 members present.

OPEN FORUM

RECORDING SECRETARY-JEANNE WHETSTONE

The minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE—PRESIDENT LYNN STETLER

AFSCME Council 5 is sponsoring a water station at Mile 25 of the 1st Minneapolis Marathon on May 31st. There are 2 shifts to sign up for.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT—LYNN STETLER

- Brown Bag Lunch with Richard Johnson – Putting off any more cuts for now. Stimulus money has helped. They are trying to manage lay offs. So far there has been 50 layoffs in all the departments.
- HC Policy Committee met twice this month. Topics of discussion have been furloughs and negotiations. At this point the County Commissioners are asking for volunteer furloughs. One of our members John Christensen is taking the whole month of May off. We would like to see the results from all of this. They are hoping to save about 4.5 million dollars.
- This is a contract negotiation year. Plans are to start meeting shortly. We will first organize a Master Team and then a Table Team will be chosen. We need to decide if we want a one or a two year contract—normally we have a two year contract. Meetings will be May 12th and June 2 from 5:30-7:30 in the Government Center Auditorium. We need a broad range of people representing different departments. If you are interested in being on the Master Team, stay after meeting and talk to either Lynn or Molly.
- The State AFSCME and MAPE employees have a tentative agreement. There was no increase for health insurance for single families. They are also self insured so there is no out of pocket cost.
- Alice Kelly suggested that in our negotiations we watch out for medical, protecting our jobs, and steps.
- Other contract concerns include the use of volunteers at the City libraries as well as the wording for bumping people when there are layoffs. L. Stetler mentioned that the use of volunteers at the suburban libraries has been discussed at length in Labor Management with no resolution or recommendations.

TREASURER—WALTER HANSON

- The total balance is \$54,035.76. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$500.00 to the Communication/Media Fund.
- AFSCME New Wave Leadership Conference is June 19-21 in Chicago. AFSCME is exploring new ways of encouraging the younger generation to get involved with the union. We will pay for up to 2 people, hotel, lost time, per diem, registration and transportation. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

MEMBERSHIP—DIRK SCHOT

Got a new member from a person reading the newsletter.

CHIEF STEWARD—THERESA SMITH/MARILYN BELL

Supervisors are still supervising. Watch out what you are doing.

COUNCIL 5 E-BOARD—MOLLY MALECKI

No report.

OTHER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

No report.

STAFF REPORT—STEVE MARINCEL

- Most of his report was under President's report.
- There was a constitutional change that was voted on at the 2006 conference that by 2011 there will be a new progressive dues structure. AFSCME Council 5 has a group working on this—it's very complicated.

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy brought this motion to the floor. I motion the Executive Board to determine how much money we'll spend on any given convention or workshop as they currently do now, but we allow any member who is interested in participating the opportunity to attend, by dividing the money allocated by the number wishing to go. Motion was made, seconded and passed to table this until after the next E-Board meeting which will give the E-Board time to discuss it.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Membership meeting is June 3rd 7PM at the Brookdale Library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Whetstone
Recording Secretary