

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### AFSCME LOCAL 2822

July 5, 2006

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

#### Roll call of officers:

Present - Malecki, Hanson, Whetstone, McNair, DiCosimo

Excused - Brigham, DeCora, Walker, Stetler, Lor

Unexcused -

**The minutes were approved as presented.**

#### INTRODUCTIONS

We had 11 members present.

#### OPEN FORUM

- Genae Nicoe asked to have her name corrected on the Steward's List in the 2822 A New Voice.
- There was a discussion about the Seniority List.

#### CORRESPONDENCE—PRESIDENT MALECKI

- Just the Fax from MN AFL-CIO.
- Internal National Audit.
- Guide Dogs of America thank you for \$100.00 donation.
- 2 vacancies on Council 5 Executive Board from council & state sectors.
- Donation request from Scott Kranz.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ramsey Nursing Home Golf Tournament & Silent Auction.
- AFSCME Public Employee Magazine.
- Debra Hilstrom and Linda Scheid State Senate and Mike Nelson State Representative Legislative Report.
- Friends and Neighbors Newsletter.
- AFSCME 5 MN Council Stepping Up.

#### REPORTS

##### PRESIDENT—MOLLY MALECKI

- Molly gave a presentation of Post Retirement Health Care Account. She explained how it would work for the Local and there is a very informative article by her in the Newsletter. There will be more informational meetings in the fall if we want them.
- Three members of the Local attended the Leadership Conference. The focus was Politics 2006: It's about better contracts and job security.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Initiative was explained and a summary of recommendations were given:
  1. Why change, We can do it, Public service workers are under attack, We need a new game plan to protect what we have and make gains in the future, and Together we can win.
  2. Endorsed by the International Executive board, these are the major recommendations: Increase Political Power, Increase Member Involvement, Get Stronger by Organizing New Members, Reform Health Care, promote AFSCME as an Aggressive Fighting Union to the Public and Media, and Raise New Resources.
  3. Where will the new money go: Mounting a major state and national

campaign to make affordable health care universal, Establishing a Leadership Institute to provide local, state, and national trainings, launching an aggressive media program to improve the image of public services and the workers who provide them, and Fighting for retirement security at the local, state and national levels.

- There is also a report out about pensions vs. 401K.

#### **TREASURER—WALTER HANSON**

- The total balance is \$87,099.24. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase two \$30.00 gift cards from Target and two \$30.00 gift cards from Cub for door prizes at the picnic.

#### **MEMBERSHIP—BRIDGET WALKER**

- Council 5 has developed some new membership orientation booklets. It is the recommendation of the E-Board that we purchase 50 of them to use with our membership information. A motion was made, seconded and passed.
- E-Board also recommends that we pay a member for up to 16 hours lost time to work on Fair Share List of Employees. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

#### **CHIEF STEWARD—JENNIFER MCNAIR**

No report.

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

No report.

#### **OTHER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

No report.

#### **STAFF REPORT—STEVE MARINCEL**

- We need to work on increasing the maximum Tax Levy, both the Local Presidents and the membership need to talk to their County Commissioners. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> is when the Property Tax Levy is set.

#### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Election of delegates to the International Convention in Chicago, Aug 7 thru 11<sup>th</sup>. E-Board recommends that we send up to 5 delegates, paying lost time, hotel, transportation and per diem. Nominated were Molly Malecki, Neng Lor, Lori Berzins, Janet Keefe, and Nancy Crouse. A motion was made, seconded and passed.
- Election of delegates to the Minnesota AFL-CIO Convention in St. Paul, Aug 7 thru 9<sup>th</sup>. E-Board recommends that we send up to 7 delegates, paying lost time, registration, CLUW luncheon with receipt and parking with receipt. Nominated were Walter Hanson, Anne Baird, Genae Nicoe and Karen DiCosimo. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Be sure and come to the Hennepin County AFSCME Picnic July 23<sup>rd</sup> at North Mississippi Regional Park from 2-5.

Next Membership Meeting is Wednesday Aug 2nd at the Ridgedale Library 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Whetstone  
Recording Secretary