

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AFSCME Local 2288

The Sept 8, 2004 Membership meeting at the Southdale Library was called to order by President Malecki at 7:05pm.

Roll call of officers:

Present – Malecki, Stetler, Whetstone, Hanson, Sudduth, Anderson, McNair

Excused – Brigham

Unexcused – Decora

The minutes were approved as corrected.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves.

OPEN FORUM

A member requested information on what a higher property tax would do to her salary. Molly did an excellent job of figuring out how a 1% property tax would not wipe out a 1% pay raise.

Sept 14th is the County Board Meeting where the issue of the tax levy will come up. We would like to have as many members as possible to attend.

Special guest LoRita Powell, Take Back MN Team. She talked about getting everyone registered to vote. We need as many members as possible to help with elections by volunteering to door knock, phoning and talking to our members. As President Molly is being asked to draft a letter to our membership about elections and the candidates and Take Back MN will pay for the postage.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Election of delegates to Council 5 Founding Convention Oct 1 & 2.

International will run this convention. We will write a constitution and elect a new Board. You have to agree to attend the whole convention or we will lose member's votes. You need to register on Friday. Eliot also spoke about how important this Founding Convention is for the membership and the union. He also encourages us to participate in hosting a Hospitality Room. A lot of networking can be done in the hospitality rooms during conventions.

So far we have 52 credentials for members to attend. A motion was made and passed to pay for lost time for Thursday night, all day Friday and all day Saturday and \$25.00 per diem for the convention. The forms have to be sent in by the 21st. You will need to bring a picture ID and the copy of the registration form. The following delegates were elected to attend. Molly Malecki, Walter Hanson, Lynn Stetler, Ann Baird, Jennifer McNair, Zanona Anderson, Nancy Crouse, Annette Tiedens Julie Axtell, Janet Keefe, Claudette Moran, Donna Knesting, Shawneise Sudduth, and Joann Glomski. No more names will be added to this list.

A motion was made and passed to share expenses for a hospitality room pro rated by Council 14 and not to exceed \$500.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from MN AFL-CIO – Absentee Ballot for Election Day.
Letter from University of MN Labor Education Service Courses
Letter from AFSCME Quarterly Financial Statement of AFSCME
Letter about What Faith Groups say about the right to organize?
Letter from Mpls Central Labor Union Council endorsed two candidates
Letter from MN AFL-CIO – giving to the United Way
Letter about 4th Annual Bill Peterson Golf Tournament

REPORTS

PRESIDENT – MOLLY MALECKI

Talked about the Responsible Levy and how important it is to have our members at the Board Meeting on Sept 14th. We just need to be a presence in the audience. Contact your County Commissioners about it.
Dignity and Respect Committee is still meeting.

President's meeting will be Thursday Sept 9th.

TREASURER – WALTER HANSON

Motion was made to accept the report. IRS goofed. The fine check will be returned to us.

CHIEF STEWARD – ZANONA ANDERSON

No report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – MERRY BRIGHAM

No report.

COUNCIL 14 EXECUTIVE BOARD – SHAWNEISE SUDDUTH

No report.

OTHER OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Nancy Crouse announced that the audit was completed. A report will be made to the E-Board.

Human Services Dept needs 3 members for there committee. Janet Keefe, Nancy Crouse, and Claudette Moran volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

A Labor Management Team for Support Staff at the library is being formed.

The winners of the Sandy Berman Award were announced. They are Nong Lee and Tammy Pineda from the Outreach Dept of the Library. A reception in their honor will be Oct 29th at the Ridgedale Library.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$50.00 to the Bill Peterson Golf Tournament.

Next membership meeting is Wednesday Oct 6, at the Ridgedale Library at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanne Whetstone
Recording Secretary