

ACTION ALERT: Wear Green to Support State Workers

Next week is Push Week for state employees who are currently in negotiations. Wear your AFSCME green in support our state sector union siblings.

If you're a state employee, log in to MemberLink (members.afscmemn.org) to check out the latest bargaining update from your State Negotiations Team.

Hennepin County Locals Meet with Commissioners

AFSCME members who work for Hennepin County have been meeting with County Commissioners to talk about the importance of the services we provide to keep our clients and communities safe and healthy. Probation and Parole Officers in Local 552 have had meaningful conversations with five of the seven Hennepin County Commissioners. The members are focusing their conversations on our shared values, as well as specific issues that impact them as public safety officers.

The Commissioners heard from workers about racial inequities in our courts and Minnesota's sky-high use of the probation system, and they were receptive to our request for a seat at the table when it comes to making decisions about policies and budgets that impact us as workers, as well as the former inmates and the communities we serve.

Workers in other Hennepin County locals are currently organizing trainings to prepare for more conversations with their Commissioners, and will be holding similar meetings with the officials throughout the summer, with a focus on the specific policies and issues that impact us as workers.

DHS Breaks Ground on New CABHS Facility

In 2017, AFSCME members played a crucial role in securing legislative funding for a new behavioral health care and treatment facility for children and adolescents in Willmar.

Last week, AFSCME activists participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new

hospital. Our members are invested in making projects like this happen. It means we're better able to do our jobs and provide the high quality care that our patients deserve.

The new facility is set to open in June of 2020. Congratulations and much gratitude to all the AFSCME members and community allies who fought to make this happen.

Donations Still Needed for AFSCME Family Picnic

AFSCME Family Picnic planners are already hard at work. This popular event relies on generous contributions from local unions and individuals.

To help make the 2019 picnic possible, organizers are seeking cash donations to purchase food, beverages and water park tickets for the first 100 kids.

The AFSCME Family Picnic will take place on **Sunday, Aug. 18 from 1-5 p.m. at Battle Creek Regional Park in Maplewood.** All are welcome.

To make a donation or sign up to volunteer, **contact Duane Gatzke at 651-472-2787 or by email at kkirk77dg@comcast.com.** Donations can also be mailed directly to:

**AFSCME Family Picnic/
Duane Gatzke; 1025 E. Rose Ave.,
St. Paul, MN 55106**

Bring this copy of Action Update to your next local membership meeting to propose making a donation.

RSVP and invite friends, family and coworkers to the picnic at **facebook.com/afscmemn5/events.**



AFSCME members meet with Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley. Pictured, left to right: Council 5 political organizer Abdul Omar; Local 552 President Latonya Reeves; Local 552 Steward Kelly Kalla; Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley; AFSCME Council 5 President Pat Guernsey.

Election Endorsements Posted

Local government elections are ramping up across the state, and our PEOPLE committees have started making endorsements. Check out the growing list of our endorsed pro-worker candidates at afscmemn.org/election-endorsements to find out who we're supporting in your region.

Union Members Attend Roundtable with Congressman Dean Phillips

Last week members of over a dozen labor unions joined Congressman Dean Phillips for a breakfast roundtable.

Rep. Phillips was elected to represent Minnesota's Third Congressional District in 2018, becoming the first Democrat to represent the district in decades. He defeated five-term incumbent Erik Paulsen, who supported corporations over workers, cut taxes for the super-rich, and voted in virtual lock-step with extreme right-wing Republicans while he was in office.

For many union members, it can be difficult to see the impact of the work we do to elect labor supporters and champions at all levels of government. Hearing Rep. Phillips confirm his support for the right to organize is an important reminder



Community stakeholders and officials break ground for the new 16-bed Children's Adolescent Behavioral Health Services facility in Willmar.

that our work to support pro-labor candidates is critical. Without the contributions of labor, a voice for working people in Minnesota's Third Congressional District focused on transparency, health care and strong communities would not have been possible.

Financial Responsibility Trainings Filling Up

AFSCME International offers Financial Responsibility trainings for union members who deal with their local's finances. The trainings are recommended for union treasurers as well as any members who sign checks for their local. A Duluth training will be held on

September 26 and another training will be held at the South St. Paul AFSCME office on **November 14**.

To register for one of these classes, please **contact our MAC at the Council 5 office at (651) 450-4990, toll-free at 1-800-652-9791, or by email at Council5@afscmemn.org**. Registrants will receive confirmation with more detailed information.

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out every two weeks for locals and activists. Download a copy at afscmemn.org. Email communications@afscmemn.org with news and events you'd like shared in our next update.

Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place/details
Financial Responsibility Training (full)	June 13, 2019	AFSCME South St. Paul office
Labor Movie Night - "Pride"	June 28, 2019	4200 Cedar Ave S., Minneapolis
AFSCME Family Picnic	August 18, 2019	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood
Financial Responsibility Training	September 26, 2019	AFSCME Duluth office
AFSCME Council 5 Convention 2019	October 3-5, 2019	Duluth
Financial Responsibility Training	November 14, 2019	AFSCME South St. Paul office