

AFSCME LOCAL 517
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
5/9/2018



In attendance: Taylor Winkel, Barb Christianson, Angela Plumbo, Robbin Ann Rosen, Lynne Freezy, Adam Snegosky, Nate Arthur, Jodi Johnson, Jane Ball

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. Treasurer's Report:

- Barb handed out the April Monthly Financial Report.
 - M/S/C to approve the report by L.F, A.P

2. Secretary's Report:

- The April meeting minutes have been posted online & distributed w/ this week's agenda.
 - M/S/C to approve the report as posted by B.C, A.P.
- Strike anything after the word "March financial report"
- Correct Name

3. President's Report:

- Business Representative is changing--due to a retirement – John will be re-assigned and Suzanne Kocurek will be our new Business Representative.
- Midwest School for Women's Workers
 - Program touching on different issues in labor movement for labor movement
- E-Board minutes available for review
- New Hire updates
 - Please communicate with how discussions & assessments are going with new hires
 - Potentially put NEO presentation back in negotiations
 - New HRIS system, to make math work, dues may be rounded, but no real change here
 - We don't know how many new employees are being contacted about ASFCME Local 517
 - Can get folders if you need to, don't have cards but can tell them to call [MemberLink](#) and sign a card digitally
 - Unclear on what format County wants us to use when talking about joining the Union since they took out the presentation for employee orientation
 - Database to keep track of these conversations (Membership Secretary) position vacant
 - cannot use county email for organizing purposes
 - need better structure around this

4. Business Rep. Report:

- Due to a retirement and reshuffling at ASFCME, Suzanne Kocurek (long time Social Worker for Ramsey County) will be new Business Rep. starting June 1, 2018.
- Live Streamed Gubernatorial Candidate Screening
 - Speculating that AFSCME is tabling endorsement again
 - Murphy agreed to drop out if ASFCME does not endorse, hoping that all candidates will abide by this
 - All support us, but we need to come together with one DFL candidate
- CG meeting
 - Went really well, was a good way to make a personal connection with new employees or others who are not familiar with what Local 517 does
 - Assessments were completed

- Will work with new Rep. to update about members who will/can do assessments
 - Will do more events like this in FL, Stillwater, Government Center
 - Lost Timers looking to work with librarians for site visits
 - A.P. will do Stillwater and Oakdale
 - Have \$1,000 for this in budget
5. Old Business:
- CG Meeting, went great, signed up 3 people, about 15 people showed
6. New Business:
- AFSCME International – Call to Convention (July 16-20), Boston, MA
 - L.F. wants to go, but is willing to save the budgeted money to spend on local solidarity
 - Need to do a mailer to nominate a delegate to go
 - Modifications; amendments to constitutions, resolutions, etc.
 - Elections taking place, delegates can bring per capita votes of other members
 - Per election rules in international constitution, have to do a mailing announcing the nominations for delegates for the convention
 - One delegate costs roughly 3-4k, money is budgeted along with mailing costs
 - Will do nomination at next meeting, if contested, it comes down to a vote at a general membership meeting
 - Mailing will be sent out next week
 - How many delegates are we authorized to send? (1 for every 25 members)
 - Pay delegate; max budgeted (\$3,000) includes airfare, lost-time, per diem and lodging
 - Keep what we have budgeted, if someone goes over, delegate pays out of pocket for the rest
 - M/S/C Not to send a delegate, R.R., N.A.
 - What happens to votes when nobody goes? (staff would go in place when there is a potential fight)
 - E-Board Meeting
 - Fourth Monday of the month falls on Memorial Day. E-board meeting tentatively rescheduled for May 30th – may cancel, due to holiday
7. Good & Welfare:
- None

Motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. M/S/C.

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President: Lynne Freezy

Vice President: Angie Plumbo

Treasurer: Barb Christianson

Secretary: Taylor Winkel

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