

AFSCME LOCAL 517
E-BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

1. The County has asked the other bargaining units to reopen their contracts (their contracts go through 2010). There has been no response yet. With our contract expiring in January, it is time to start putting together a negotiations team. The team will include Judie, Jeff, Kathy, Deb, Bob and Barb Christianson (if needed). Others will also be added in order to have a good representation of all departments. We will tentatively meet for an hour right after the next General Membership Meeting (May 13). Although the County is ready to start negotiating, we need to wait for the outcome of health insurance and the state budget. The Health Insurance Committee has sent out RFPs and they expect to hear back early June.
2. The E-Board attended LULA training this past Friday and Saturday. We developed a plan of action to establish a network of leaders in order to expedite contract information. Kathy is assembling a list of members which will include their department names and locations. This should be completed by May 15.
3. Barb Cysiewski attended the women's leadership conference at Rutgers and will write an article for the next newsletter.
4. Jeff talked to Jon Grebner at Council 5. There will be a phone bank on Tuesday, May 5, starting at 5:30 p.m. There were 17 Democrats that voted against the budget and it is important that we gain their support. There will be six phones for calling members and asking whether they would be willing to contact their legislators. If so, then they will automatically be transferred to the appropriate number.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cunnien