

AFSCME LOCAL 517
E-BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

1. Site visits with John Ewaldt – One-on-one organizing.
 - Judie and John visited the Forest Lake Service Center. It was really busy, so they need to reschedule to July 14 at 9:00 a.m. John would like someone with him so Barb Lunn will check her availability. There was a motion to approve \$20 or less for treats. M/S/C.
 - The City of Forest Lake needs to be scheduled.
 - Cottage Grove needs to be scheduled. Judie will call Sam Reyes to check her availability.
 - John strongly recommends integrating New Wave and talking to every member one-on-one. That will help identify those with leadership aptitude. John is available as a resource on the afternoon of July 29, and on August 13, 18, 19 and 20.
2. Update on Treasurer's Affidavit. This is due July 1. Barb Christianson is working on it and should have it completed by the end of this week.
3. Treasurer's report on finances – How much money is budgeted for Council 5 Convention? Barb is waiting for lost time for the New Wave Conference and estimates it to be about \$600. Our checking account balance is approximately \$15,000, with \$4,000 budgeted for the Council 5 Convention October 8-10 in Duluth. The convention call will come out late July-early August.
4. Discuss LULA project and target dates. Kathy completed the list and emailed to everybody.
5. Update on plan of action to establish a network of leaders for expediting contract information. Jeff requested that the list be sorted by those who have been contacted. Kathy will sort and send to Jeff.
6. Progressive dues. Council 5 has created a committee consisting of the Council 5 E-Board. The plan needs to be implemented by 2011 and has turned out to be more complex than anticipated. There will be a workshop at this year's convention. The anticipated timeline is as follows:
 - Early 2010 – Create a revised proposal, make field visits, then revise again.
 - May-June – Possible special convention, although it may not be necessary.
 - January 1, 2011 – Implement or endorse a plan. If we fail to do so, the dues structure will default to 2% of gross salary. Jeff said at the last Council 5 E-Board meeting that some of the VPs said they already have progressive dues in place.
7. Other.
 - Because of security violations at Council 5, Scott said they have instituted greater security measures. Visitors will need to sign in at the front desk. If you need to attend an after-hours meeting, you will be required to call the meeting room upon your arrival.
 - Council 5 has an opportunity for an IT Help Desk Support Specialist. The position is open until June 29 at 4:00 p.m. and the starting salary is \$2,700/month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cunnien