

**AFSCME LOCAL 517**  
**E-BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 24, 2010**

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

1. Chief Steward Replacement.

- There was discussion on possible replacements when Jeff leaves the County. We can have two Chief Stewards. Barb Cysiewski recently expressed interest, so Christy will contact her to see if she'd like to attend the training at Council 5 in July. Dawn Wachter and Carrie Segebrecht are also possibilities, and Christy will contact them to gauge their interest.
- Christy brought the current list of Stewards to the meeting for updating. Sandi Reyes (Community Services-Cottage Grove) asked to be removed as a Steward. Deb Burkhardt (Sheriff) needs to be removed as she changed her status from full member to fee payer. Bob Jaqua in Facilities also needs to be removed as he was just laid off. Jeff will get any other changes to Kathy.

2. Local Reporter Training. Kathleen O'Toole reported on the training she attended at Council 5. Below are some highlights of what she learned:

- Set a timeframe and stick to it (such as monthly or quarterly communications).
- Communications should not be lengthy as you'll lose the reader's interest. Try to keep it to one page and make sure your facts are accurate.
- Determine the mechanism for delivery (website, one-on-one, posting on the bulletin boards). It should be noted that our Constitution requires that any member wishing to post information must bring it to a General Membership Meeting or vet through the E-Board.
- Focus on cohesiveness of union to build strength. Negativity is counter-productive.
- Celebrate yourself. How do we support the public?
- Report on local union battles, success stories and unique activities. Inform and educate.

Some things that Kathleen would like to do:

- Focus on what the union does and the function of each officer.
- Cover our history and the benefits of having a union. An example is that Christmas Eve never used to be a holiday, but because of the union now it is.

We need to establish a process of creation (who will write the articles) and review (who will edit for accuracy and content). Christy appointed the following as the Communications Committee: Kathleen O'Toole, Kathy Cunnien and Judie Atkins. Christy will contact Judie to make sure she is agreeable to the appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cunnien  
Recording Secretary