

**AFSCME LOCAL 517**  
**E-BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 27, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m.

1. Update on progress from LULA:
  - There will be a follow-up meeting on Saturday, September 12 in St. Cloud. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., and the meeting runs from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Judie will send an email to everyone who attended in Mankato and would like an RSVP.
  - Judie said she is almost finished identifying leaders in each area, and Jeff will soon start contacting those members with help from the E-Board.
  
2. Update from Barb Lunn on one-on-one meetings at Forest Lake License Center, Forest Lake Service Center and Library (fee payer to full member and joining PEOPLE):
  - Barb said it has been very productive. There was one conversion to full member and one new PEOPLE contributor. Scott also attended and said there are some good leaders in FL. The receptionist, Kristie, was also very helpful in making arrangements for the meeting.
  - Barb said she was approached by one member who felt the union wasn't doing enough. Barb asked what we weren't doing that we could do, and if she would like us to bring a meeting up there. A meeting via speakerphone is a possibility.
  - Bob stated he has received positive feedback from someone in FL.
  
3. Plans for the City of Forest Lake: Judie has two contacts from the City. She will work with Carole Gerst to set up a meeting date.
  
4. Next Wave Conference update – Where do we go from here? Jeff said there is a recap meeting on Saturday, August 15 at the Council 5 office. Judie would like to see all three (Blia, Christine and Bridget) attend. She has also asked them to submit articles on their experience. Jeff said a toolkit is coming out. The AFSCME International website is also a resource. We will discuss this topic further at the next meeting.
  
5. Other:
  - There will be phone banking tomorrow evening at Council 5. Judie, Judy W., Deb Myrvold, Angie and Jeff are going. The purpose is to call members and ask them if they'll contact Senator Amy Klobuchar and ask that she support President Obama's health care proposal (the call can be transferred right from the phone bank). Deb said she's been hearing that employers will be more apt to pull insurance benefits if there is a public option. Scott responded that it won't be a free plan. There will be a health care exchange where companies can go and pick their options. If an employer does not provide insurance, they will be mandated to pay a special tax (this does not apply to small companies).
  - The River Valley Action Group will be holding a forum on Thursday, September 24. Molly O'Rourke will be attending and discussing how unallotments will affect the county organizational structure and the services we provide. Larry Hanson from the City of Stillwater and a representative from Regions Hospital will also be attending. You can find an interactive map showing the impact of service cuts around the state at <http://defendminnesota.com>.
  - The Social Services Committee will be meeting on Monday, August 10.

- There will be a candidate forum for the governor race at the Council 5 Convention in Duluth on Friday, October 9, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Twelve Democrats and two to three Republicans will be attending.
- International has published the hotel rates for the International Convention in Boston next June 28-July 2 (\$156/night).
- Council 5 Convention October 8-10: We have to have notice for the convention call out to members 15 days prior to the September membership meeting. We can elect up to 28 delegates but have budgeted for 10.
- AFL-CIO Political Conference October 1-2: This will be in Bloomington and will consist of workshops and overviews of the 2010 election races. The cost is \$60 and Judie and Jeff may want to attend.
- Progressive dues. Although this is required by 2011, we can choose to implement a plan sooner. A constitutional amendment has to be done and that process takes a couple of months. Judie suggested that the Budget Committee start discussing options. Judy W. made a motion that we set a meeting date for after hours. M/S/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cunnien