

AFSCME LOCAL 517 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2010

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the November and December Financial Reports were distributed for review. There was a motion to approve. M/S/C.
3. Secretary's Report: There was a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as posted on our website at www.local517.org. M/S/C.
4. Field Rep's Report – Mediation Update:
 - Exempt Unit – They approved the County's offer and it is going to the Board for approval on January 19.
 - Non-Exempt Unit – They voted to reject the County's offer which is a vote to strike. The majority voted "no" and this will not be put out for a revote. Now we need everyone to work together as a cohesive unit and start the strike planning process. Exempt employees can also help by walking the picket lines during breaks or lunch.
 - A call has been made to our mediator, Bob Weisenberger. He has not returned Scott's phone call yet as he has to settle the school district contracts by January 15 or the districts will face fines. Scott is going to ask that he bring the parties back together since this was a mediated situation.
5. Initial Strike Training – Judy Carlson, Council 5 Trainer
 - Judy distributed a handout on preparing for a strike (Kathy Cunnien will get an electronic copy to post on our website). Although we have a 45-day (calendar days) cooling-off period, strike planning needs to start immediately. The more prepared we are the better off we will be.
 - There are four committees that need to be formed: General Strike Committee, Strike Headquarters Committee, Strike Kitchen Committee and Picket Committee. A Financial/Hardship Committee will be formed later and will be chaired by the Treasurer.
 - The committees were formed and below are the chairs. You should contact one of them for volunteering (a description of the committees can be found on our website). They will be setting up meetings for starting the planning process.
 - ✓ General Strike Committee – Judie Atkins
 - ✓ Strike Headquarters Committee – Barb Lunn
 - ✓ Strike Kitchen Committee – Deb Myrvold
 - ✓ Picket Committee – Jeff Birttnen
6. Chief Steward's Report: There was not enough time to cover.
7. President's Report: There was not enough time to cover.
8. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cunnien