

AFSCME LOCAL 517
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2009

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Secretary's Report: There was a motion to approve the March minutes as posted on www.local517.org. M/S/C.
3. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the March Financial Report were distributed for review. There was a motion to approve the report. M/S/C.
4. President's Report: This is being moved to next month as Judie was out ill.
5. Chief Steward Report. Jeff is on vacation but Scott reported there is one discharge filed at step three.
6. Business Rep Report:
 - It is still looking rough for Local Government Aid (LGA). AFSCME is still pushing for fair taxation of the wealthy. Scott distributed flyers to be posted on our bulletin boards.
 - Now is the time to contact our legislators. The outcome of the state budget will affect our negotiations. The county is already showing their hand as they have approached the 49ers, two Teamsters, Commanders and 911 Operators (200 total) about re-opening their contracts. No decision has been made. The Governor wants to freeze wages for state employees. We're the 10th leanest government.
7. LULA (Local Union Leadership Academy): Judie Atkins, Jeff Birttnen, Judy Wertheimer, Barb Christianson, Deb Myrvold, Bob Jaqua and Kathy Cunnien will be attending training April 24-25. There was a motion to approve lost time for one day (April 24) and mileage to/from Mankato. M/S/C. International/Council 5 will be paying for training, hotel and meals.
8. New Business: Barb Cysiewski gave an update on the St. Croix Valley Labor Assembly. Union members have been a great support in donating their skills and time for preparing United Way's new office space on Curve Crest Boulevard. They will be moving the end of May and welcome any assistance.
9. Old Business: None.
10. Good and Welfare: None.
11. Other: Barb Christianson will provide Kathy C. a Council 5 payroll calendar to post on the website so members know when to expect reimbursement for lost time. It's important to submit information to Barb as soon as possible. It's an involved process as Council 5 provides payroll support to 40,000 members, and there were 1,000 alone that went to Day on the Hill.

There was a motion to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. M/S/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cunnien