



AFSCME LOCAL 517
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2010 – Noon Meeting

1. Called to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept as printed, S/C.
3. Secretary's Report: Motion to accept as printed on Website, S/C.
4. Chief Steward's Report: Jeff Birttnen reported on a grievance referred to H.R. Scott reported on another issue that was referred to the Council #5 Arbitration Team but was found not to have enough substance for going through the process. We're looking for members to volunteer to become stewards. Please let Jeff know if you are interested.
5. Progressive Dues: Scott gave an overview of progressive dues; comments were heard from people in attendance. Christine and other board members talked about what they learned from attending the Progressive Dues Meeting at the Council Office earlier this year and how it has worked in some of the other locals who have implemented already. A lot of discussion ensued, some for and some against the implementation of Progressive Dues. We all agree at this point the economy is not conducive to implementing the increase. Some folks don't want to ever implement progressive dues. We discussed the pros and cons. No decision was made at this time.
6. President's Report:
 - A request from Carole Gerst was read asking for financial support to attend the International Convention. Carol is the Business Agent for the Cities in our local and is attending the convention at her own expense. Due to not discussing how our County delegates' expenses are going to be handled, it was suggested to note and file Carole's request.
 - There's a position open on the Council #5 E Bd, District #6 West Metro. If you know of anyone who lives in that area and is interested in the position, let Jeff Birttnen or Christine Main know.
 - July 17th – be sure to attend the AFSCME Picnic at Battle Creek Regional Park. Check the website for more information (www.local517.org).
7. New Business: Elect delegates to attend International Convention. The following delegates were elected: Jeff Birttnen, Deb Myrvold, Barb Christianson, Kathy Cunnien, and Christine Main. The following alternates were elected (in the event a delegate is unable to attend): Jane Ball, Angie Plumbo, and Barb Cysiewski.
8. Old Business: There was a motion to let Judie keep the \$17.32 paid by Council #5 in error for officer pay, S/C.
9. Good and Welfare: There wasn't any.
10. Motion to Adjourn, S/C.