

AFSCME LOCAL 517
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2009

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion to accept as printed, S/C.
3. Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept as printed, S/C.
4. President's Report:
 - Members are needed to attend the River Valley Action meeting tomorrow evening. It is a pivotal meeting because they could disband. It's a progressive group and they always leave the meeting with something to do. You can volunteer to do what you want.
 - The next Council #5 Social Services Committee Meeting is next Wednesday, June 17. Dan Stack has been representing our local.
 - Judie will be out next week, so Jeff or Scott can be contacted in her absence. Jeff is in all week except for Thursday, and Scott is reachable by cell phone.
5. Chief Steward Report:
 - Once again, be careful with county computer use.
 - Politics – The Governor's race is wide open. Jeff asked when we were going to start talking to candidates.
 - Progressive dues will be addressed at the Council 5 Convention October 8-10 in Duluth. We will need to provide Council 5 a breakdown of our portion of the dues when we do next year's budget. Jeff would like to see us send as many as possible to the Convention. We will look at sending at least 10 and will book five rooms soon. There also might be a Next Wave meeting there.
 - Scott and Dixie have been working on bringing down the number of members who have not been paying dues. Barb Lunn said that it has gone from 63 to about 5.
6. Field Rep Report:
 - There was no special session. The Governor has signed everything into law and said he'll do an unallotment. General Assistance Medical Care is being cut, which will end up costing taxpayers more in the long run. We'll know at the end of June what impact there will be on Local Government Aid.
 - AFSCME and other groups (including MAPE) are exploring the possibility of having Franken's attorney (Lillehaug) check to make sure the Governor is doing things constitutionally. If he isn't, then a special session could be called.
 - Marty Seifert, who is a Higher Education employee, may run for Governor. He has tried going after pensions in the past.
 - If the State Supreme Court rules Franken the winner, Coleman said he won't take it to the Federal level.
7. New Business:
 - Flight arrangements have been made for the Next Wave Conference for Christine Main (Forest Lake Workforce Center), Bridgit Olson (Community Services), and Blia Yang

(Community Services). Judie also made hotel reservations on the union credit card, so they shouldn't have to use their own card unless they have incidentals.

- The Campaign Board sent Barb Christianson a letter requesting that our campaign checking account be closed within 60 days as we have not used it for a couple of years. The balance is \$200 and can only be used on local campaigns. Scott said we now have PEOPLE, which can be used on targeted races and can be as much as \$500. There was a motion to dissolve the account and return the balance to our general fund. M/S/C.
- The St. Croix Valley Labor Assembly Picnic will be held Wednesday, June 24 at 5 p.m. in Valley View Park. Raffle tickets are being sold and endorsed labor candidates have been invited.
- The Treasurer's Affidavit needs to be filed by July 1.

8. Old Business: None.

9. Good and Welfare: None.

There was a motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. M/S/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cunnien