

Local 2829 Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: August 23, 2017

Present: Eric Mattson, Denna Thurmond, Pam Todora, Duane Gatzke, Sharon Christensen, Ken Loeffler-Kemp, Kristin Dennis, Theresa St Aoro, Mel Preczewski.

Absent:

Phone: Kevin Norbie, Kristin Dennis, Julie Jeppesen, Eric Johnson, Deb Oslund

Skype: n/a

Call to Order: 5:35 PM

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Theresa St Aoro, Seconded by Denna Thurmond, and CARRIED to accept the July 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Eric Mattson, Seconded by Denna Thurmond , and CARRIED to accept the Balance Sheet, subject to audit.

Motion made by Eric Mattson, Seconded by Kevin Norbie, and CARRIED to accept the Registers Report, subject to audit.

Communications

- AFL-CIO call for convention for retirees
- Convention – There are two Council 5 resolutions to be presented at convention. One resolution is change the language regarding the number times the Council 5 executive board meets. Currently the executive board meets 12 times a year, the resolution is change this to meet at least 6 times per year. One spoke against this. Kevin to place both the upcoming resolutions on the September agenda.

Executive Board Report

None

Field Rep Report

- Ken – reported that the Council 5 board is in process of interviewing candidates for the new Executive Director (Eliot Seide is retiring); first round of interviews have been completed. Second round with two candidates is scheduled for September.
- Two C5 field reps have been re assigned: David Baird and Kate Black; served on MAC team (primary responsibility is to work directly with members who call in with concerns; and work closely with arb review committee).

- Site visits are happening around the cities in an effort to reach out to Fee Payers. Team includes Kurt Erickson, Denna Thurmond, Alison Kelly, and more.
- Ken asked for the board to draft a letter to send to fee payers and update them and ask them to become full members. Mel asked if other locals have had success with this letter campaign. Ken replied it was too early to tell, the letter was just sent out on Aug 16. Eric said he is on board with this, especially in our effort to reach out to outstate members, it could allow us to catch new employees sooner. Ken would like a motion for the board to cover the expense for the mailing, and for someone to help craft the letter. Duane and Eric both volunteered. **Motion made by Eric Mattson, seconded by Denna Thurmond, and CARRIED.** Draft to go to Kevin for approval.

Old Business

- A. Membership coordinator report
 - a. Kristin Dennis – developed the contact list to visit Lottery and Cosmetology.
 - b. Kurt to work with Denna on another location with the largest fee payer ratio.
 - c. Mel – St Paul blitz is scheduled for Sep 19-20. If interested, let Kristin know. She will coordinate with Kurt.
- B. Newsletter –Pam forward pictures from the August AFSCME picnic.

New Business

- A. Elect Delegation for 2017 Convention
 - a. Open nominations: maximum allowed for local - 30 delegates and 30 alternates. Nominations forms should include: name, address, email, county, and phone number.
 - i. Kevin Norbie – Military Affairs (MA)
 - ii. Nick Hassett - MA
 - iii. Sharon Christensen - AG
 - iv. Samantha Miltz - BAH
 - v. Julie Jeppesen- AG
 - vi. Deb Oslund - MA
 - vii. Deb Kestner - MA
 - viii. Connie Flanery - MA
 - ix. Mike Dullinger - MA
 - x. Eric Johnson – Commerce, Weights and Measures
 - xi. Kristin Dennis - MPCA
 - xii. Mel Preczewski - MPCA
 - xiii. Theresa St Aoro - PERA
 - xiv. Eric Mattson - MHF
 - xv. Denna Thurmond - PERA
 - xvi. Duane Gatzke - MPCA

- xvii. Pam Todora – Arts Board
- xviii. Patty Parker – MPCA
- xix. Sean Bryant – MPCA

No further nominations.

Nominations closed at 19 delegates.

Motion made, seconded, and CARRIED to approve the delegate list for

Convention. Pam and Mel to complete/sign all delegate forms and submit to C5.

Reminder – delegates should call for hotel rooms. Block rooms at Pier B Resort re-opened. May use VRBO or AirBnB only if unionized hotels are full.

- B. Phone Banking at C5; Melvin Carter will be attending (mayor candidate).
- C. Opportunity to appear in C5 infomercial – Laura Askelin is looking for members that would be willing to share a great story about their pride living in, or working for the city of St Paul, and their support for our endorse candidate, Melvin Carter. Looking for member interested in sharing their story in a video. Deadline to apply is Thursday, Aug 24 at noon.
- D. Door knocking every Saturday until elections. Looking for volunteers.
- E. New member received from call center – Samantha Miltz who is now on the delegate list for convention.

Calendar Items

Sep 4, Labor Day – volunteers needed for the Minnesota State Fair. Theresa will be in attendance.

Sep 14, E-board meeting.

Oct 5-7, 2017, convention. Lost time available for Wednesday night workshop for new delegates.

Good & Welfare

Theresa spoke with CAAPB security employee – yesterday man stepped out in front of employee in an apparent suicide. The board observed moment of silence.

Mel – announced that there is a haunted ship tour in Duluth with a group rate of \$8. Those attending convention who would like to attend should contact Mel directly.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Theresa St Aoro, seconded by Denna Thurmond, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Pam Todora.