

Local 2829 Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-27-2017

Present: Kevin Norbie, Eric Mattson, Denna Thurmond, Pam Todora, Kristin Dennis, Theresa St Aoro, Mel Preczewski, Kurt Errickson.

Phone: Eric Johnson

Excused: n/a

Unexcused: Deb Oslund

Skype: n/a

Call to Order: 5:37 PM

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kristin Dennis, Seconded by Eric Mattson, and CARRIED to accept the August 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as amended with corrections. Corrections: Under Field Rep Report, "...Elliot Seide" should be Eliot Seide (one "l"). Under, Communication – change vote to reflect: "one spoke against this."

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Eric Mattson, Seconded by Theresa St. Aoro , and CARRIED to accept the Balance Sheet, subject to audit.

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

Communications

- None

Executive Board Report

Motion made and Seconded by Denna Thurmond, and CARRIED to approve the annual planning and finance meeting date of October 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the Council 5 offices.

Motion made and Seconded by Eric Mattson, and CARRIED to approve the combined November and December executive board and membership meetings dates to November 15, 2017, and December 14, 2017.

Motion made and Seconded by Denna Thurmond, and CARRIED to approve the two Council 5 Resolutions to the constitutional amendments. Motion passed with one abstention.

1. Resolution 1: Article V Convention, Section 5: Delegation Certification form..."must be postmarked and (change to "or") returned to the Council office no later than ten days

(changes to fifteen days) prior to the opening of the convention. Any delegate whose credential was postmarked after the tenth (changes to fifteenth) day prior ...”.

2. Resolution 2: Article VIII Duties of Officers, it states “...The Executive Board shall meet monthly...” The proposal is to change this to “...shall meet at least six times each year on a schedule set by the Executive Board ...”

Field Rep Report

Kurt Errickson

- Agency site visits completed to MPCA, BAH, and SOS SAH. Kurt suggested union building efforts as follow up to these site visits. He will set up meeting at MPCA after convention.
- Distributed handout of breakdown of work locations by city. Eric forward MFH’s new address: 400 Wabasha, Ste 400, St Paul.
- Theresa encourages getting new people to visit sites, makes a difference to give members a new perspective on the union.
- Sites visits planned for more St Paul locations in November.
- Suggested that this local consider lower dues rates for 75%ers. Kevin said local supports this constitutional revision. Kurt will draft letter to the local.
- New member packets –50 packets ordered. State map should be added to packet.
- Local membership goal is 90%; we are currently at 68%.
- Council 5 new Executive Director is Jon Westmoreland, whose specialty is organizing.

Old Business

A. Membership coordinator report

1. Site visits include: MPCA, Cosmetology, then Lottery.
2. Oct 25 – Mel suggest planning a site visit to MA - 133rd (Holman Field) and to send Nick, Forrest, or Ellery Rintala to complete these sites.
3. Theresa suggested having a meeting at Board of Animal Health (BAH).

B. Newsletter

1. Articles include: Organizing events and photos, Action pages, AFSCME watching campaign, Janus article, and the first reading of constitution amendment.
2. Mel would like local to pay for design software to produce the newsletter.
3. Goal is to have newsletter sent mid-Oct.

C. New fee payer letter – Kristin Dennis to draft up and forward to Kevin and Kurt right away.

New Business

A. Convention Donations:

- a. Theresa moved to donate \$600 to Safe Haven charity in Duluth. Motion failed due to lack of second. Pam moved to donate \$200, Eric moved to donate \$300.

Motion made by Kevin Norbie, Seconded by Kristin Dennis, and CARRIED

- to donate \$500 to Safe Haven charity in Duluth.
- b. Puerto Rico was recently hit with a hurricane. Thousands of AFSCME members have been affected by the disaster. **Motion made by Mel Preczewski, Seconded by Eric Mattson, and CARRIED** to donate \$200 to the Fallen Heroes Fund to fulfill this need for communities hit with hurricanes.
 - c. Kevin proposed to donate \$100 to the vets initiative. **Motion made by Theresa St Aoro, Seconded by Mel Preczewski, and CARRIED** to donate \$100 to the vet's initiative.
- B. Denna Thurmond asked for volunteers from our local to help canvass on Saturday Oct 28, for Melvin Carter (democratic mayor candidate). Notice for volunteers will be placed in the newsletter.
 - C. Theresa St Aoro – The 50th anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. takes place in Memphis, TN this coming April 2-4, 2018. AFSCME is one of the leaders in this event, called **I AM 2018**.
 - D. Theresa St Aoro - SEIU (Service Employees International Union) is working on strategies to survive the upcoming Janus legislation, such as joint polling, etc. Unions could lose up to 40% membership after Janus is enacted.

Calendar Items

October 5-7, 2017: Convention. Lost time available for October 4 (Wednesday night) for new delegate workshop attendees. Convention packets are available at the registration tables.

Oct 25, 2017: Planning, budget, and membership meetings. Planning and budget meeting begins 10:00 a.m. at Council 5.

Good & Welfare

- Camp Ripley lunch meeting – 50 people in attendance. This was Deb Oslund's last meeting as she retires October 12, 2017. Deb Kestner will be the new contact person at Camp Ripley.
- SOS steward Sandra Horner, passed away in August.
- Jeff Fowler passed away last week.

Adjournment

Motion made by Theresa St Aoro, Seconded by Denna Thurmond, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Pam Todora.