

Local 2829 Membership Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2018

Present: Mel Preczewski, Pam Todora, Eric Mattson, Theresa St. Aoro, Trish Lindquist, Denna Thurmond, Eric Johnson, Kurt Errickson.

Phone: Kevin Norbie, Rachel Parlin

Excused Kristin Dennis

Skype: none

Call to Order: 5:39 PM

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Eric Mattson, Seconded by Pam Todora, and CARRIED to accept the March Membership Meeting Minutes as amended: Under Field Rep's report, Lost-timer name is Zach Frank.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made, Seconded by Pam Todora, and CARRIED to accept the March Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenses financials, subject to audit.

Motion made, Seconded by Pam Todora, and CARRIED to accept the March Register Report, subject to audit.

Communications

2018 International Convention paperwork received, Kevin to complete and resubmit.

Executive Board Report

- a. Lanyard purchase – Order is in to printer. Kurt to follow up
- b. **Motion from April Executive Board, seconded by Eric Mattson and, CARRIED** to accept the increased donation of \$200 to the Labor Bowl Charity Fund, for a total donation of \$300.

Field Rep Report

Organizing: Handout of agencies contacted over the past few months. In summary:

- Local is at 74% membership.
- Bulk of lower membership agencies are outstate. Agencies include: Lottery, MPCA Note, large number of part-time seasonal works bring this number down.
- Lost timer, Zach Franks no longer available to reach outstate members. Kurt wants to do phone banking in its place, alternating days and hours of the day called. Leave no message, must call back at a later date.
- Meetings are set up this month for MPCA, MHFA, Metro Square, Orville Freeman Bldg, and Empire Drive. Airbase 133 is scheduled for next Friday. Location to focus on is Camp Ripley with 23 fee payers who are mostly part-timers (waiting on constitutional amendment to be passed for part-timers).
- Kurt to contact members for phone banking.

Agency updates:

- Arts Board – Issues include out-dated position descriptions and lack of communication from management.
- AGs office:
 - Work place respect and bullying;
 - Members voiced concern about the possibility of AFSCME endorsing Lori Swanson. Many members said they will move to fee payer status if endorsed.
 - New issues. 3 pts –
 - 1) Continued use of extended leaves of absence and placement into unclassified positions;
 - 2) Flex time agreement for members, model based on MOU with Wts and Measures, and
 - 3) Increased staffing – members are overworked. Employees want to submit a data request for AGs office, similar to MPCA; and set up meeting with Lori Swanson to discuss hiring options.
- MPCA: Career development meetings are progressing forward.

Old Business

- A. Membership Report – refer to above report from Kurt
- B. Newsletter Update – Mel to purchase software this week.
- C. Web Site Revamp – Pam to update in May.

New Business

- A. Donation to Lafayette Park Ice Cream Social – Locals involved: 2829, DNR, and Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI). The event builds solidarity between unions. Motion made by Pam Todora to donate \$100, hearing no second, motion failed. **Motion made by Rachel Parlin, seconded by Pam Todora, and CARRIED** to donate \$150 to the social.

Upcoming Dates of Note

April 27, 2018 State Employee Policy Committee (SEPC)
May 10, 2018 Executive Board Meeting
May 12, 2018 Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive at Midway Cub Foods
May 23, 2018 Membership Meeting

Good & Welfare

MPCA Duluth: Card sent to a member in need.

Praise report: Rachel had successful meeting with management at MPCA to allow administrative members to attend the upcoming agency wide conference, which they were previously denied. Good Job Rachel!

Adjournment:

Motion made by Rachel Parlin, Seconded by Pam Todora, and CARRIED to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Pam Todora.