

AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024 - 12:00-1:00pm

Virtually: WebEx



Attendees: Ashley Marston, Alexea Cheatem, Lisa Peterson, Shannan Hendricks, Heather Vandenhuevel, Angela Plumbo, Jane Ball, Danielle Johnson, Ben Henry, Kaitlyn McCarthey, Kathryn Bursinger, Paul Schwarz, Reese Glaser, Alex Calero, Jenny Hiltner.

- Call to Order - 12:03
- Treasurer's Report
 - August and September review and approval
 - No report; Currently working through access issues with AFSCME
- Secretary's Report ([link to minutes on website](#))
 - September review and approval
 - **Motion** to approve - Ben H; second - Alexea
- President's Report
 - New MOA with HR for the CRU
 - Order was placed for outreach materials; table cloth, t-shirts, & other swag
 - Discussion on new emergency housing services building in Stillwater
 - County employees vs. contractor work
 - 3 delegates went to council 5 convention
 - Topics covered
 - Strike funds
 - Freeloader language
 - Tools for organizing
- Business Rep's Report
 - Trainings through Council 5
 - Financial Responsibility
 - 11/6 via zoom
 - 2/12 via zoom
 - Washington County CDA going to the bargaining table 28th/29th
- Old Business
 - General Membership Meeting Quorum
 - Quorum currently 10
 - Discussion on pros/cons lowering #
 - Contract vote will continue to be sent to all members
 - **Motion** to lower current meeting quorum from 10 to 7 members - Ben H.; Second - Alexea C.
 - Ask about current AFSCME arbitration
 - Wrongful termination
 - Events
 - ERG didn't feel like the event was best fit; they will consider allowing us at a different event.
 - County has pushed back on our presence at events for employees
 - Will bring up at next LMC meeting
 - Anytime outside groups are invited AFSCME should be allowed.
- New Business
 - Happy Hour - Thursday, 10/24 - Tamarack Tap Room, Woodbury

- 4:30-6:30pm
 - Open to members and non-members
 - Considering “Ask AFSCME” day for November
 - Holiday party
 - Discussion on moving it to labor day event instead
 - Members in attendance felt better to keep the party the same this year
 - See about private room vs bar space
 - Lower headcount to 40
 - Consider VFW or other local establishment for future holiday party
 - Good & Welfare
 - Gift card drawing
 - Winner - Angela P.
 - Adjourn 12:56
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Executive Board:

President: Lisa Peterson

Vice President: Ben Henry

Treasurer: Shannan Hendricks

Chief Stewards: Vacant (non-exempt) and Vacant (exempt)

Recording Secretary: Ashley Marston

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheuvel

Communication Liaison: Alexea Cheatem

AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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