



Local 920 General Membership Meeting

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Golden Rule Bldg. LL40

October 22, 2019

5:15 – 6:45 pm

MSA – Motion made, seconded and approved \$MSA – Motion made, seconded and approved regarding an expenditure

Attendees: President Roberta Suski, Vice President Gail Schiff, Treasurer Liz Arita, Secretary Sandi Kolby, Board Member Lori Thompson, Board Member Patty Thomas, Cheryl Borovansky, Lorraine Swenson, Sherita Thomas, Marti Benson, Field Rep Joe Broge

Meeting called to order at 5:23 pm

Welcome/Role Call

Agenda was accepted

Field Rep Broge gave an update on the status of the bargaining contract agreement. The SER subcommittee meeting scheduled October 22, 2019 was canceled. Therefore, the contract will move forward and will go back retro to July 1st. Notification was sent out to AFSCME members via a text blast. Anyone who wishes to receive future text blasts text the word “join” to 237263.

The General Membership meeting minutes of September 24, 2019 were read and motion made by Secretary Kolby to approve the minute; seconded by member Arita **MSA**

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report for month ending September 30, 2019 was read and submitted pending audit.

President’s Report

Mail: none

Vacant seats: Chief Steward, Executive Board member

Nominations and Elections 15-day notice has gone out to the membership. Nominations for Executive Board Chair Officers, Executive Board Members at Large, and Trustee will take place at the November 19, 2019 General Membership meeting.

President Suski gave a brief overview of the workshops she attended while at convention: Four Dimensions of Racism, Systemic Oppression and Bigotry, Labor History & Council 5 History, and Leadership ID/Transition Planning. She also gave an update on proceedings of general assembly of the Council 5 Convention. Member Thompson reported on the Sensitivity and Women Winning workshop she attended. Member Kolby reported on the she attended NMO-Train the Trainer, Women Winning, Leadership ID, and Labor History. Members Thompson and Kolby also reported on their overall impression of the Council 5 Convention.

Vice President's Report

No Report

Secretary's Report

General Membership meetings for November and December have been rescheduled due the fourth Tuesday falling in a Holiday week. The remaining general membership meetings for 2019 are Tuesday November 19, 2019 and Tuesday December 17, 2019 same location and time.

Secretary Kolby updated the membership on a letter received in regards to a vacancy of the Vice President seat on of International Executive Board due to the resignation of John Westmoreland. Nomination are requested not later than December 6, 2019 to the office of AFSCME International President Saunders.

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Chief Steward Report (vacant)

Member Schiff gave an update for HLB on an investigation at the Board of Nursing. Field Rep Broge reported on a settlement that was reached on prior grievance at HLB. Member Arita gave an update on a discipline pending grievance at the Freeman location. Member Suski gave an update on a step 3 grievance and pending grievance for a work out of class. Three grievances are pending arbitration.

Field Representative

Local 2829 has agreed to do a combined steward/grievance training with Local 920. Broge feels this would be a good fit since they have multiple locations like Local 920. Broge thought at a Minimum a 3-hour training would be sufficient. President Suski will be the point person any member who is interest please contact President Suski.

Dates of Note: Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Minnesota Legislative Session Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Day on the Hill Tuesday, March 31, 2019. Council 5 2020 Annual Convention September 24-26, 2020 at the Intercontinental St. Paul, MN.

New Business

Member Benson designed a sweatshirt for local 920. Member Atria asked members Benson and Thomas to take point to form a sweatshirt committee.

Member Arita gave an update on Local 920 check writing policy not to write a check in advance of an event. Member Schiff expressed her concern over not being able to get a check to pay for food ordered for the Meet and Greet at HLB. Members are encouraged to review and make suggestions for revisions of the Expenditure policy. Adding a fourth signer to the account may be an option to explore.

Good and Welfare

Request to send a card to a member who has left state service. Member Schiff will contact the Good and Welfare steward with the member's information.

Old Business

Meet and Greet with Joe scheduled at HLB October 31, 2019 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. OLF is still planning to have one soon.

Vacancy Management is still on the radar let the Executive Board know of any vacancy's that are not being filled.

Website Update by member Benson is in the process of making updates to the website and uploading documents. Member Benson still needs to set-up a training with Trish of the Council 5 office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Sandi Kolby