

AFSCME LOCAL 517
E-BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

1. Planning for the next 9 days before the election.
 - There will be phone banks tonight and Thursday night (the last one). It will be more of “get out the vote.”
 - There will be door knocking Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - Flyers will be handed out to employees tomorrow prior to 8:00 a.m. at the Government Center and the Woodbury and Cottage Grove locations. John Thorson and his wife will handle the Cottage Grove location, and Barb Cysiewski will take care of Woodbury. Jeff needs volunteers for the Government Center, and Karen McCarthy volunteered to help. Forest Lake was discussed – perhaps Linda Hogan could do that on Thursday. Barb Lunn will contact her.
 - Jeff said Monday morning will be the last leaflets to be handed out – it will be a sample ballot – and they will also be getting out with AFSCME-endorsed candidates.
2. Update on Holiday Party. The Bayport Legion hall has been reserved for Thursday, December 11. Barb Lunn and Joanne will be starting set-up at 2:00 p.m. and anyone else is welcome to help out!
3. St. Croix Valley Assembly Holiday Party, December 3, Stillwater Senior Center. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and anyone can come (it used to only be delegates). Pasta and beverages are provided, salad and dessert donations are welcome.
4. Set date for Audit – Barb Christianson will be setting up a date.
5. Set date for Budget Committee. The budget committee meeting will be this evening. Things to consider are:
 - We have a CD maturing in January – do we want to cash in part of it?
 - Day on the Hill is two days, but the second day is more important. We need to budget for lost time but each person is responsible for the \$15 fee (it goes toward the PEOPLE program and cannot be paid with member dues).
 - Council 5 said we should be meeting with our legislators monthly.
 - Leadership Conference – This is in Washington D.C. for one week.
 - Our budget can be helped by having a membership drive to convert fee payers to full members. We can submit a proposal to the Council and they would pay ½ of the lost time. As of August, there were 482 full-time employees with 87 of those fee payers, and 76 part-time employees with 30 of those fee payers. We now have more than 10% contributing to PEOPLE, which took less than 1-1/2 years to accomplish.
6. New ideas for member involvement in 2009. We need to bring some ideas to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cunnien