

AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:00 PM, Tuesday, July 31, 2018. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to NARA facilities at Archives I, Atlanta (Ellenwood), Kansas City (Pershing Rd and Subtropolis), Lee's Summit, the Bush 41 Library, and the Ford Library and Museum. A quorum of members was present.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Ashby Crowder, Executive Vice President Jeremy Schmidt, Treasurer Yolanda Bean, Secretary Daniel Dancis, and Sergeant-at-Arms James Neel.

Meeting Minutes: Daniel Dancis read the June 26, 2018, meeting minutes. The minutes were APPROVED as read by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Yolanda Bean reported on the Local's transactions, assets, spending, and membership for June 2018. MOTION by Hilary Kaplan to approve the report as read. SECONDED by Kimberlee Ried. APPROVED by voice vote.

Election Committee: No Report – This was an ad-hoc committee and has been stricken from the agenda.

Safety and Health Committee: No Report.

Legislative Committee: Ashby Crowder reported on a Senate spending package regarding a pay increase and about a telework agreement.

Organizing Committee: Jeremy Schmidt reported on an upcoming visit to Boston with visits to the Kennedy Library and the Waltham Records Center that he and Ashby Crowder are planning for September.

Ashby Crowder reported that National has approved the reimbursement incentive (\$100) through the end of the year.

Communications Committee: Ashby Crowder reported that Brian Connor has joined the committee and will be the point person for the Local's website.

Representational Activities: Ashby Crowder reported on a group grievance and an additional single grievance that were successfully resolved. One involved confusion about career ladder promotion and a discussion of this ensued.

Ashby Crowder and Sharmila Bhatia discussed the status of the national agreement: the negotiations have concluded and now are waiting on the judge's decision. The negotiations went

well but the implementation may be delayed due to the judge's decision, therefore nothing is final depending on what happens externally to NARA. A decision could be made at any moment. Emphasis on maintaining a good working relationship between the local and NARA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A question was raised about the status of the Executive Orders taking effect.

NEW BUSINESS: Jesse Wilinski asked on behalf of two employees at AI about initiating desk audits.

Ashby Crowder discussed the political environment and the issue of the local transitioning over to the E-Dues process: Voluntary dues deduction is under threat and AFGE's alternative is to collect via E-Dues. This is under exploration and is a potential future proposal.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL: Jeremy Schmidt reported that he will attend the National Convention in Las Vegas and that members should contact him if they have anything to convey or questions.

Joe Burns asked a question about planning for a potential government shutdown. Joey from Ellenwood had a question for Yolanda Bean about reimbursement.

Ashby Crowder had a prize for Brian Conner for taking on the responsibility of website coordinator.

MOTION by Jeremy Band to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED by Desiree Ruhland. APPROVED by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned by Ashby Crowder.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on August 28, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, August 2, 2018

Daniel Dancis
Secretary, AFGE Local 2578
