

## **AFGE Local 2578 Minutes**

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:03 PM, Tuesday, January 28, 2014. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to Archives I, and NARA facilities at Lee's Summit, Atlanta, Chicago, New York City, and Suitland, and the Ford and Clinton Libraries. Guests from Denver and San Bruno also attended. A quorum of members was present.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Vernon Early, Vice President Mitch Buffone, Treasurer Dawn Powers, Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Goodman, and Secretary Jeremy Schmidt.

Meeting Minutes: Schmidt read the November 2013 monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved.

Early introduced Powers as acting Treasurer, vice Nancy Fortna. Fortna will continue to serve the Local as a volunteer

Treasurer's Report: Powers gave the Treasurer's report reporting balances and expenses for December 2013. Membership stood at 338 in December. The report was approved.

Safety and Health Committee: No report.

Legislative Committee: Joe Byrnes reports that four people will attend the AFGE Legislative training. Let Byrnes or Buffone know if you have any questions that you want brought up during the conference. Early provided his personal e-mail (vernon.early48@gmail.com). Members can e-mail him with any issues. There was a question raised about the wage-grade pay increase. Wage-grade employees will see an increase.

Organizing Committee: Byrnes reports A1, A2, and Suitland organizing activities are planned for April or May. Lenexa and Atlanta trips are planned, dates yet to be determined. Let the Local know if you would like to hold a recruitment event at your facility. A representative mentioned it would be good to reach out to under-represented facilities. A representative asked if a membership packet is available. Material can be requested from the Union office.

Representational Activities: Buffone commended Marcus Gowans on successfully defending a member before the MSPB.

There was comment that the agency should be keeping records of safety problems reported.

A member mentioned that it is important to follow-up on requests for desk audits.

A concern was reported about carbon monoxide levels from heaters in Denver.

Communications Committee: Byrnes encouraged individuals to monitor the ICN and e-mail to stay in touch with Union and agency developments. He said this is the future of agency communications. There was a discussion about encouraging mentoring of representatives. Planning for representative training is under way.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A credit union ATM is now installed at A2. Thanks to Jesse Wilinski for pushing this through.

Radon testing in the caves - results are in but they have not been posted.

NEW BUSINESS: 2014 Local 2578 budget will be planned at an executive committee meeting today.

In order for the Local to carry on its business prior to approval of the budget, Buffone motioned the following:

\$1,600 for Legislative Conference. Motion seconded and approved.

\$5,500 for Union Representative Training. Motion seconded and approved.

It was reported that Jimi Joseph was named a principal representative by Council 260, vice Vernon Early. Vernon Early remains President of Local 2578 and a representative.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

Buffone gave an update on the Local election.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on February 25, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted, February 19, 2013

Jeremy Schmidt  
Secretary (Acting)  
AFGE Local 2578

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