

## AFGE Local 2578

Minutes: The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:05 PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2011. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to the NARA facilities at Archives I and Clinton and Kennedy Libraries. A quorum of members was present. Representatives from Local 1200 (Denver, San Bruno, and Reagan Library) attended as guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Vernon Early, Vice President Ted Hull, Secretary Sharmila Bhatia, and Treasurer Nancy Fortna.

Meeting Minutes: Bhatia read the April monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Fortna gave the treasurer's report (see attached report) reporting balances and expenses for April. Membership stands at 285 members.

### REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee: Hilary Kaplan reported that she had received favorable responses on the training provided to the reps in April. The National Committee is being re-vamped. Health and Safety Week is the week of June 7. There were communication problems at Archives I and II. Labor and management did not work together and management is organizing the events. Also, the local monthly meetings for Archives I and II were canceled. Hull reported that the Council notified the Archivist about the cancellation of the monthly meetings.

Legislative Committee: Joe Byrnes stated that members should be paying attention to proposed legislation concerning Federal employees.

Communication Committee: Ashby Crowder has set up a Facebook page for AFGE Council 260. Byrnes reported that slides and photos from the training will be added to the Facebook page.

Organizing Committee: Hull reported that six new members have joined.

Representational Activities: Early reported on a case at Suitland concerning standards. Atlanta had a case involving responsibilities.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hull thanked the organizers of the rep training which had been held in April. Byrnes reported that next year we are planning on extending the training to 2 ½ days.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hull read the proposed budget for year 2011. Bhatia moved to accept the budget and was seconded by Early. The budget was approved.

Hull reported that the Council has discussed with the Archivist OPM's proposed plan on performance awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

Respectfully submitted June 24, 2011:

**SHARMILA BHATIA**

Secretary

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