

AFGE Local 2578 Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:04 PM, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to Archives I, and NARA facilities at Lenexa, Atlanta, Lee's Summit, Suitland, and New York City, and the Bush 41 and Ford 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 Mitchell Buffone, Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Goodman, and Secretary Jeremy Schmidt.

Meeting Minutes: Schmidt read the April 2014 monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Buffone reported that due to the Treasurer vacancy there would be no report this month. The missed monthly reports will be presented at the next meeting.

Safety and Health Committee: Schmidt read an e-mail from Hilary Kaplan regarding fire extinguisher use. NARA's policy is that staff should use fire extinguishers at work only if their lives are in danger. Otherwise staff should sound the fire alarm and evacuate the building.

Crowder reported that there was a second round of radon testing for those sites that required re-testing.

There was a question about what procedures should be followed during construction. Management needs to notify the Union. The Union will bargain over change of conditions. Goodman mentioned NARA 235 as a good resource.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Organizing Committee: Early is still waiting to hear from AFGE National Office about the 100 / 100 recruitment incentive.

Representational Activities: The Union was able to assist in the upgrading of a performance appraisal of a Suitland employee.

Suitland representatives are also considering having monthly meetings with the bargaining unit employees during duty hours.

There was a discussion about recruiting a third representative at Suitland.

Buffone mentioned in the future the possibility of representatives needing to represent others outside their locations.

Communications Committee: Buffone discussed the creation of a Local newsletter to

report on good news and success stories.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to report on national agreement negotiations.

Early discussed procedures for making the Costco card available to members. There will be just one card. Contact him and he will give or send you the card, which you will need to return.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Wiley and Ebony Tate gave a report on a meeting between NARA senior management and Union officers and representative at Suitland. NARA was particularly interested in exporting good practices to the rest of the agency. Crowder reported that this an outgrowth from the national labor – management meetings.

Goodman reported that the Union is active in developing the local EVS plan in Atlanta.

Ken West also reported that he is having successful labor-management meeting at Lenexa.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

There was a discussion about engineered standards in the Denver FRC.

Goodman encouraged members to participate in NARA committees to influence local policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on June 24, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted, June 18, 2014

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