

AFGE Local 2578

Minutes: The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:05 PM, Tuesday, June 28, 2011. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to the NARA facilities at Archives I, Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Worth, Philadelphia, Suitland, and Bush 41 and Clinton Libraries. A quorum of members was present. Representatives from Local 1200 (Denver, and San Bruno) attended as guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Vernon Early, Vice President Ted Hull, Secretary Sharmila Bhatia, Treasurer Nancy Fortna and Sergeant-at-Arms Mitchell Buffone.

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

Treasurer's Report: Fortna gave the treasurer's report (see attached report) reporting balances and expenses for May. Membership stands at 285 members. From June 2010 to June 2011 the Local gained 29 members. Fortna, per Ashby Crowder suggestion, will provide a monthly report of new members.

REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee: Anne Witty reported on the last national meeting. HR provided a training on workman's compensation. Managers are requesting additional training from HR. Darryl Munsey reported that at AII fumes from the roof repair was ventilating into work space. Managers were notified that employees could be moved or allowed to leave under administrative leave.

Early reported on the elevator situation at Suitland.

Usell Copeland (San Bruno) reported that he is working on a power point presentation on loading dock safety and procedures which will be presented to staff. Hull will provide the final to reps.

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

Communication Committee: The rep training, along with photos and slides, will be posted on the Facebook page.

Organizing Committee: Munsey reported that according to the FRLA probationary employees are now in the bargaining unit. We can represent and recruit probationary employees. We will formally amend the contract.

Representational Activities: Munsey reported that staff with security clearances are under no obligation to take the separate test which is part of the security training. Staff must take the training Safeguarding Classified Information, Module 1. NGC has concurred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Executive has ruled that OPM's proposed plan on performance awards will not impact awards negotiated with unions. Therefore, awards are protected for this FY.

NEW BUSINESS:

Byrnes recommended a recruiting drive at AI. Early suggested Byrnes coordinate with Joe Jones of AFGE.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

Respectfully submitted July 5, 2011:

SHARMILA BHATIA

Secretary

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