

AFGE Local 2578

Minutes: The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:07 p.m., Tuesday, November 29, 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, Suitland, and Bush 43, Clinton, Ford and Kennedy 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 October 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 October. Membership stands at 308 members. The report was approved. Fortna motioned that \$25,000 from the small business account be moved to the money fund account. Bhatia seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee: Hilary Kaplan reported that a Resolve meeting was held on November 8 and the next meeting is scheduled for December 12 with a facilitator to discuss the charter of the committee.

Usell Copeland (San Bruno) reported on a diesel fuel spill.

Ashby Crowder (Archives II) reported that the Archives II Health and Safety Committee meeting on October 20. The committee is working on obtaining ergonomic assessments.

Legislative Committee: Joe Byrnes reported that the AFGE Legislative Conference is scheduled for February 12-15 and he will be scheduling legislative visits.

Organizing Committee: Early reported that two new members joined during the Archives I recruitment event held yesterday.

Representational Activities: Early reported on a case in Suitland concerning earning overtime and on redefining the lunch band at Suitland to 11:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.

Communication Committee: Crowder reported that Darryl Munsey's letter to the Washington Post (unedited) and the photos from Representative Steny Hoyer's event have been posted on the Facebook page. Also, members can view the All-Hands Meeting online.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reps reported on issues concerning mid-year reviews.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bhatia announced that the election for the Local officers will be held in March and that she will not be running for re-election as secretary. Hull stated that he will also not seek re-election for vice president and that he will conduct the election.

Bhatia motioned cancelling the December 27 meeting because of the holidays. The motion was approved.

Comments for the Good of the Local: Crowder reported that the Local collected 108 pounds for the Food Bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted January 16, 2012:

SHARMILA BHATIA

Secretary

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