

AFGE Local 2578 Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:02 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to Archives I, Suitland, and NARA facilities at Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Worth, the Ford Library, and the JFK Library. A quorum of members was present. There was an audio-conference connection to guests from Local 1200 in San Bruno.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present: Vice President Mitchell Buffone, Treasurer Nancy Fortna, Secretary Ashby Crowder, and Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Goodman. Local President Vernon Early arrived at the meeting at 12:06, shortly after roll call.

Meeting Minutes: Crowder read the June monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Fortna read a corrected June treasurer's report reporting balances and expenses for that month. Fortna then read the July report of balances and expenses. Expenses included costs associated with sending a delegate to the AFGE National Convention in Las Vegas in August. Local membership stands at 326. The report was approved.

REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee: No report.

Legislative Committee: No Report.

Organizing Committee: Early and Buffone reported that members are planning recruitment events for Archives I, Suitland, and Fort Worth. Crowder reported that the recruitment event held in June at Archives II brought the Local six new members.

Representational Activities: Goodman reported on a case in Atlanta. Buffone reminded representatives to get in touch with Union leadership about changes to conditions of employment so the Union can make sure the agency is giving notice of proposed changes as required. Martin Tuohy inquired whether a master list of core hours of the various locations has been compiled.

Ronnie Haigler inquired about use of the heat safety break task code. Early will investigate and follow up on this issue at the August meeting.

Members and guests continued the discussion about ladder safety at records centers and shared updates about safety concerns.

Communication Committee: Crowder reported on the establishment of AFGE groups on the Internal Collaboration Network (ICN) and on the ICN pilot agreement that Council 260 has negotiated with the Agency. Crowder reported that Joe Byrnes has indicated that the newsletter should be published in a few weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion took place about the possibility of adding a credit union ATM in the Archives II lobby. Crowder indicated that the Local leadership is looking into this and would share information with the membership as it becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS: Sharon Culley indicated that the Benevolence Committee would meet to make an adjustment to the charter. Discussion took place about food banks and about planning for the Local's annual food drive.

Members discussed planning for the Local's annual cookout. Early asked for volunteers to help with planning and organizing, and indicated that a firm date would be announced at the August meeting.

Members discussed the asbestos removal project at Suitland and its effect on employees.

A discussion took place about lunch and break periods.

Comments for the Good of the Local: Buffone and Early shared kind words about Local 2578 member Nkenge Poindexter, who passed away in July, and her family.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted August 22, 2012. Approved as corrected on August 28, 2012.

Ashby Crowder
Secretary
AFGE Local 2578