

**AFSCME Local 2326
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 6, 2009
B-8 Hart Chapel**

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Attendance: Anita Lahr, President; Jack Hubauer, Treasurer; Linda Horner, Recording Secretary; and Executive Board members John Massa, Debby Rhoads, and Pattie Schmader.

Absent: Steve Hoover, Vice President and Chief Stewart; Dan Grove, Council 85 staff representative.

Minutes

Minutes from the March 5, 2009 and the June 4, 2009 meetings were presented. The motion was properly made and seconded to suspend with the reading of the minutes and make them available to the membership. Vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Reports from May and June 2009 were presented. The motion to suspend with the reading of the Treasurer's Reports and make them available to the membership was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

Correspondence

Horner read a request from Brian Robbins, President of Local 2126, for support of Lynn Kinch, a local member who sustained injuries from a back hoe accident in March 2009. Local 2126 is in Council 87. The motioned NOT to make a donation was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

Grievances

No report.

Committee Reports

Activities Committee: This year's annual Red Cross Blood Drive was a success. We had 60 people register to donate, but we were only able to collect 52 usable units of blood. Thanks to all who helped and who came to donate!

Safety Committee: Nothing has changed much from the last meeting. Some of the summer projects have been completed or are being worked on. The water line project at Wilkinson and Nair will begin on Friday (August 7) and continue the following week. The sidewalk at Still has been fixed. The sidewalk in the vicinity of the Library is in the beginning stages of repair. The bricks are being removed in a small section of the sidewalk and will be replaced using an epoxy cement. If this holds, the process will be continued in other areas of the sidewalk. The projects list will be reviewed in September.

Parking Committee: The Parking Committee does not meet in the summer. The next meeting will be in September.

Small Games of Chance: Hubauer will renew the Local 2326 Small Games of Chance license.

Summer Picnic: The Summer Picnic was held on Wednesday, August 5 at Moore Hall. We have already received many compliments on the event. It was a beautiful day, and attendance totaled 126 people. Thanks to all who helped!

Labor Management

Out last Labor/Management meeting was on Monday, August 3. If the state budget is not soon signed, and Clarion University ~ and other PA-SSHE schools ~ do not soon receive funding, there will be lay-offs. Approximately 50% of Clarion's budget comes from state funding. There will be no new hiring in the near future, although AFSCME is fighting to keep current vacancies on the list to be filled. The lay-off procedures were questioned in case of furloughs. Lahr explained it as she understands it, but also stated that Dan Grove, our Council 85 Staff Rep, would be able to give better details and examples. Hoover will chair the next Labor Management meeting as it is scheduled for the second day of classes for the fall semester. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

Reimbursements: Lahr is requesting reimbursement for expenses from 2008, even though the time limit has expired. She is requesting reimbursement for expenses for the Council 13 State-Wide Labor Management meeting in Harrisburg on June 18 and 19, 2008; and expenses for Fall Training on October 17, 18 and 19. The motion to reimburse Lahr's expenses was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion carried. Lahr also requested per diem expenses for grievance hearing travel. The union representative expenses are not reimbursed by Council 13, only those of the grievant. The motion to pay per diem for the grievance hearing travel was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion carried. Shelley Ritzler is requesting mileage expenses for the budget rally in Harrisburg on September 28. The union-sponsored buses were full, so Ritzler drove. The motion to pay Ritzler for mileage was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

Pocket Calendars: A motion to purchase 2010 pocket calendars to be included with members' Christmas cards was properly made and seconded. The cost is 250 calendars (minimum order) at \$1.40 each, for a total of \$350, to be paid from the general fund. Vote: Motion carried.

Fall Training: Council 85's Annual Educational Seminar will be held at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center in Erie, September 18th through the 20th. The registration cost is \$225 *per person*, and the room rate is \$140.97 *per room*. There is a total of 15 people eligible, not counting the President. After discussions with the membership, the motion to send up to 12 people to Fall Training was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion passed. Council 85 has indicated the possibility of moving toward holding training every other year, with one-day training sessions on alternate years.

"Home Town Heroes" Calendars: Diane Whitton is again working on the "*Home Town Heroes*" calendars. A motion was properly made and seconded to donate \$500 from the general fund to help support this "Support Our Troops" project. Vote: Motion carried.

Staff Representative Report

No staff representative report.

Good & Welfare

Nothing for the Good & Welfare.

Adjournment

All business having been discussed, the motion to adjourn this meeting of the general membership of AFSCME Local 2326 was properly made and seconded. Vote: Motion carried. Meet adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Drawing winner: Diane Whitton, \$12. Congratulations, Diane!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Horner
Recording Secretary
AFSCME Local 2326

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 3, 2009