

# AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023 - 12:00-1:00 pm

WebEx



**Attendees:** Heather Vandenheuvel, Lynne Freezy, Shannan Hendricks, Lisa Peterson, Suzanne Kocurek, Ashley Marston, Hannah Thompson, & Madeline Nyvold.

## Agenda

- Call to Order - 12:03pm
- Treasurer's Report
  - Request to move funding from checking to a CD in order to earn more interest
  - Recommendation to put in \$5,000 after a budget for 2023 has been developed and we can determine amount needed in checking
  - **Motion** to approve January's report - Ashley; Second - Heather
- Secretary's Report ([link to minutes on website](#))
  - **Motion** to approve January's minutes - Lisa; Second - Shannan
- President's Report
  - AFL-CIO Scholarship Opportunities
    - 5 scholarships available to high school seniors who are union members or dependents of union members; must have a straight "B" average
      - 4 awarded to a senior going to college or community college in MN
      - 1 awarded to a senior going to trade school in MN
- Business Rep's Report
  - Steward Training
    - Will be held Wednesday 3/15. Contact Ashley Marston or Suzanne Kocurek if interested
  - Membership rates
    - Non-exempt = 38.6%
    - Exempt = 50.7%
- Old Business
  - Local Branding Expense Vote
    - **Motion** to spend up to \$350 for a graphic designer to create a local logo to be used on promotional materials (must include logo licensing rights) - Ashley; Second - Heather
  - General Membership Meeting Drawings Expense Vote
    - **Motion** to approve the purchase of \$20/gift cards for each of the general membership meetings in 2023. Gift card drawings will occur at the end of the general membership meetings. All attendees are entered in drawing. Limit one win per person per year. - Heather; Second - Lisa
  - Day on the Hill Expense Vote
    - Happening 3/28
    - Motion to approve up to 10 people to attend Day on the Hill and to cover lost time, mileage, parking, and lunch (up to \$20) if it is not provided by council 5. - Lisa; Second - Ashley
- New Business
  - E-Board Elections in March
    - Several open positions exist. Members in good standing that have paid dues for at least 6 months are able to be nominated for any position.
    - Madeline N. interested in member at large position
  - Suggestions for 2023 Social Events

- Relay for Life - volunteer to setup and take down event in August; Oak Park Heights
  - Picnic
  - Walk/Nature Hike
  - Happy Hour
  - Other suggestions should be sent to Ashley Marston
  - Good & Welfare
  - Adjourn - 12:48pm
    - **Motion** - Heather; Second - Ashley
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**Questions about the union or membership?** Fill out our [contact form](#) and a local union member will be in touch.

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**Executive Board:**

President: Lynne Freezy

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Shannan Hendricks

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenhuevel

Recording Secretary: Ashley Marston

Chief Stewards: Lisa Peterson (non-exempt) and Vacant (exempt)

AFSCME Business Representative: Suzanne Kocurek

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