

AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024 - 6:30-7:30 pm

Stillwater Government Center - LL14

Hybrid option via WebEx



Attendees: Lynne Freezy, Paul Schwarz, Ashley Marston, Kristine Krawczewski, Madeline Nyvold, Ben Henry, Carrie Genereux, Caroline Martell, & Jenny Hiltner

- Call to Order - 6:30pm - quorum not met, meeting was canceled.
 - Members in attendance were able to stay and discuss concerns in an unofficial capacity.
- Treasurer's Report
 - January and February
 - Reviewed, but no approval; no quorum
- Secretary's Report ([link to minutes on website](#))
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 - Annual audit has been submitted
- President's Report
 - ILMC
 - Starting RFP process for future benefits agreement
 - May look at adding back Mayo clinic
 - Several medications becoming more difficult to get covered due to additional non-covered uses
 - Looking to coordinate more with other bargaining units to push for member priorities
 - Will also look to meet with other units after RFP proposal received
 - Key driver raising our rates is continual claim rates over 100%
- Business Rep's Report
 - Day on the Hill 4/2
 - Opportunity to talk to state reps that can benefit us as public sector workers and residents of the county.
 - Local will reimburse lost time, parking, and registration fees
 - Paul to provide email to share with members to email their reps
 - Carrie G. to push out
 - Training coming up 3/27 @ Council 5; if you want to join via zoom reach out to afscme517secretary@gmail.com
 - Steward training will be offered in April
 - Reach out to Lynne or Ashley if interested in attending
 - We need members from IT, Libraries, and Community Services as stewards
- Old Business
 - Open Executive Board Positions
 - Still looking for an exempt steward and a trustee. We are also looking for replacement for the current treasurer and recording secretary.
- New Business
 - AFL-CIO 2024 Scholarships
 - Guidelines can be found on our website: <https://www.afscme517.org/afl-cio-opportunities>
 - Reach out to Ashley by 5/1 to submit

- CDC Covid Guidelines
 - MOU for CRU
 - Renewal proposed; only change in language is section 5.1 regarding holidays
 - Commissioner Karla Bigham has been contacted to discuss and share the current situation for social and financial workers. Members of community services in those roles should contact Ben if interested in attending further discussions
 - Good & Welfare
 - Gift card drawing
 - Kristine K. wins!
 - Adjourn - 7:36pm
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Questions about the union or membership? Fill out our [contact form](#) and a local union member will be in touch.

Get involved! Visit the [Local 517 website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Executive Board:

President: Lynne Freezy

Vice President: Ben Henry

Treasurer: Shannan Hendricks

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

Recording Secretary: Ashley Marston

New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheuvel

Communication Liaison: Alexea Cheatem

AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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