

AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2024 - 6:30-7:30pm

In-Person: Stillwater Government Center - LL13

Virtual: WebEx



Attendees: Emily Andersen, Lisa Peterson, Alexea Cheatem, Paul Schwarz, Carrie Genereux, Ashley Marston, Madeline Nyvold, and Robin Rossen

Minutes

- Call to Order - 6:41pm
 - No quorum; taking notes for record only, no official meeting business conducted
- Treasurer's Report
 - June review pushed to August meeting
- Secretary's Report ([link to minutes on website](#))
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- Business Rep's Report
 - The International AFSCME convention will be taking place in CA. Local 517 can send their votes with another local so that votes aren't lost
 - Council 5 is supporting Bart Anderson
 - Will have e-board vote at Monday's meeting
 - MetCouncil has voted to strike. 10-day cooling off period starts 7/18. Only 40% of their membership voted, but 90% of those votes were to strike.
 - Membership has increased by 10% since February
- Old Business
 - Holiday Party
 - Suggestion to cut back party and do more with funds instead
 - Potluck
 - Tabling at ERG events
 - New member swag bags
 - Cookoff
 - Themed event
 - Scholarships
- New Business
 - AFL-CIO Update
 - Met with Jared about setting up 101 training for us to provide members/potential members
 - Looking for assistance to help make our local more visible
 - AFL-CIO willing to help us with flyers, door knocking, etc.
 - AFSCME Strong
 - Checklist to help determine strengths and gaps in current approach
 - Use this info to help create 101 training
 - Need to determine where we overlap and what commonalities we have with co-workers
 - Breakdown of membership benefits: discounts, schooling, disciplinary assistance, etc.
- Adjourn - 7:30pm

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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