

# AFSCME LOCAL 517

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025 - 12:00-1:00pm

In-Person: Stillwater Government Center - LL13

Virtually: WebEx



**Attendees:** Kaityn McCarthy, Lisa Peterson, Shawn Carpenter, Paul Schwarz, Madeline Nyvold, James Wittling, Lindsay Babcock, Shannon Feeney, Reese Glaser, Adam Snegosky, Carrie Genereux, Nicole Kingbird, Lori Bratulich, Shannan Hendricks, Ben Henry, Kathryn Bersinger, Janel Hatcher, Alex Calero, Tami Leemon, Alexea Cheatem, Heather Vandenheuvel, and Ashley Stoner.

## Agenda

- Call to Order - 12:02pm
- New Officer Oaths
  - Four new officers took the oath of duty.
- Treasurer's Report
  - February review and approval
    - Treasurer needs to double check on one of the expenses from an affiliate of local 517.
    - **Motion** to approve February report with the adjustment of details from Paul Gammel regarding affiliate expense - Ashley S.; **Second** -Carrie G.
    - Discussion about funds and whether some excess should be moved to a CD.
      - **Motion** to move \$5,000 from checking to a 9 month term CD - Reese G.; **Second** - Carrie G.
      - Further discussion; president and treasurer will move funds at officer turnover.
- Secretary's Report ([link to minutes on website](#))
  - February review and approval
    - **Motion** to approve minutes - Carrie G.; **Second** - James W.
- President's Report
  - Open Council 5 Executive Board Position
    - Members encouraged to get involved even though board position opportunity has closed
- Business Rep's Report
  - Financial Responsibility Training 5/21 - contact Kaitlyn or Paul if interested
  - 4/2 - Open office hours in Forest Lake
- Old Business
  - Day on the Hill
    - Local pay - members do not have to pay to attend; register on memberlink and select local pay
      - We only get charged if you attend
    - Request for Paul to provide talking points, members to meet up at event
    - **Motion** to pay for up to 10 members to attend DOTH; including registration, lost time, mileage, and parking - Ashley S.; **Second** - Reese G.
- New Business
  - Negotiations Team
    - Interest expressed by: Reese, James, Carrie, Adam, Shawn, Shannon F., and Alex C.
    - Committee will be approved by Lisa and e-board
- Good & Welfare
  - Arbitration win for local member - Huge thank you Lisa and Ben for all the hard work
  - Gift card drawing

- Discussion on switching to Cub from Target; will do with all cards moving forward
- Winner: Janel Hatcher
- Adjourn - 1:01pm

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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: Lisa Peterson  
Vice President: Ben Henry  
Treasurer: Shawn Carpenter  
Chief Stewards: Carrie Genereux (non-exempt) and Vacant (exempt)  
Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn McCarthy  
New Member Secretary: Heather Vandenheuvel  
Communication Liaison: Alexea Cheatem  
AFSCME Business Representative: Paul Schwarz

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