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In attendance: Christy Main, Nate Arthur, Jody Johnson, Annie Walton, Robbin Ann Rosen, Adam Snegosky, Steve Despiegelaere, Brad Junker, Rich Bornt, Rachel Carpenter, Kristi Gullett, Jamie Plude, Angie Plumbo, Barb Christianson, Kristie Campeau-Perlock, Suzanne Kocurek.

Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m.

1. VP Nate Arthur is running the meeting again while President Lynne is out on medical leave.
2. Treasurer's Report:
  - Barb handed out copies of February's Financial Report.
    - M/S/C to approve minutes by Christy and Jody.
3. Secretary's Report:
  - The February meeting minutes were posted online.
    - A request was made to add Christy Main as an auditor of the financial records on the February meeting minutes. Kristie will make the change and repost the minutes to the website.
      - M/S/C to approve the February meeting minutes with the requested change by Robbin and Christy.
4. Chief Stewards' Reports:
  - Jody talked of attending John's steward training with Cathy G. and Rich.
  - Steve talked of a grievance resolved at step one and considering a class action on a language grievance on the non-exempt side.
5. President's Report:
  - There's an event called Transportation at the Crossroads: Are We Ready? on Tues., March 22 at Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale. This is a panel discussion on transportation needs in the East Metro and what the legislature will be considering.
6. Business Rep Report:
  - Five people attended steward training.
  - HRA – ratified 2 year agreement – grievance brewing – going to step 3.

- City of Stillwater Library – ratified contract – prepping to sign cards.
- Grievances:
  - Case approved for arbitration – countered.
  - City of Stillwater termination – prepped arbitration panel.
- AFSCME Strong update:
  - Cottage Grove – signed cards – next step is meet again and plan on staff who haven't signed cards.
  - Stillwater – plan lunches for each floor – smaller groups.
- Day on the Hill & Legislative Session:
  - Money gets put on the table for us to bargain with for wages.
  - We attend so we can tell legislators to support local government aid.
- A request was made to John for a Friedrichs' update.

#### 7. Election:

- Angie P. lead the elections. Staff were able to contact Angie for 30 days with their nominations or nominate someone at the meeting today. The positions up for election and the staff elected are:
  - President: Lynne Freezy
  - Vice President: Nate Arthur
  - Secretary: Kristie Campeau-Perlock
  - Treasurer: Barb Christianson
  - 3 E-Board Members: Annie Walton, Robbin Rosén, Ryan Olson
  - 1 Trustee: Heidi Leedom
  - Chief Stewards: Jody Johnson, Steve Despiegelaere
    - M/S/C per our constitution – everyone is elected to office.

#### 8. Old Business:

- Day on the Hill – Tues., April 5
  - There's still time to get registered to attend. Christy registered Jody and herself.
  - Budgeted about \$1,000 for lost time and mileage.
    - Still room for 2-3 people to attend.
    - AFSCME will pay 8 hours of work time for you to attend, mileage (please carpool), and parking which is still at Riverside ramp across from the Excel Energy ramp.
  - Local also pays the \$20 registration fee and there's a free lunch.
  - The rally is at the RiverCentre.
    - Bus to the capital then back.
- Suggestion to members to email your representatives/legislators to support local government aid.
  - It's good for your representatives/legislators to hear this outside of Day on the Hill.
  - You can look online to find out who your representatives/legislators are and how to contact them.

#### 9. New Business:

- Commissioner Bearth was very supportive of us and our jobs. Not sure how losing him will affect us. If there's an election to replace him East Metro will do a screening. It is highly recommended that you attend the screening.

10. Good & Welfare:

- Had a good going away gathering for Deb Myrvold's retirement.

Motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. M/S/C

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