



Murphy Wins DFL Endorsement for Governor

Erin Murphy, AFSCME's candidate for governor, won the DFL endorsement over the weekend.

State Rep. Murphy beat out U.S. Rep Tim Walz and State Auditor Rebecca Otto.

AFSCME's candidate for governor won with strong Council 5 backing – we had 83 delegates and 74 alternates at the DFL Convention in Rochester.

"Thank you so much for this powerful act of democracy," Murphy said. Together, she said, Minnesotans can protect clean water, education, health care, labor and a woman's right to choose; stop gun violence in schools; raise the minimum wage; and build a kind of politics that improves lives.

"Today is the day we're going to unify our fellow Democrats," she said, adding it was essential to share a full and honest vision with the people of Minnesota. "Together, we are unstoppable."

Murphy is a nurse and state representative who serves on the House Health and Human Services Finance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. She has served as Majority Leader of the Minnesota House, and is a former executive director, organizer and lobbyist for the Minnesota Nurses Association.

Murphy tapped state Rep. Erin Maye Quade, who led the fight against sexual harassment in the House, as lieutenant governor.

Despite his DFL Convention loss, Walz plans to run in the August primary. So does Attorney General Lori Swanson, who announced her run for governor Monday after failing to win the DFL nod Saturday for her current office.

Governor Signs Pension Bill

A bill to stabilize and protect public pensions was signed into law in a packed Capitol Rotunda. More than 300 state workers and retirees crowded into the Rotunda on

May 31 to watch as Gov. Mark Dayton signed the bill with a flourish, announcing, "That's the last bill I'll sign as Governor of Minnesota, and what a great one to end on."

The reform will immediately save \$3.4 billion and fully fund our public pension systems within 30 years. The bill, which passed the Senate and House unanimously, will:

- Increase employer and employee contributions
- Include new state funding
- Reduce COLAs
- Reduce the assumed rate of return from 8 percent to 7.5 percent

AFSCME Council 5 and our allies in the Public Employee Pension Coalition, which represents more than 25 public sector unions, retiree groups and affiliated organizations, strongly supported the measure.

"The pension bill represents shared sacrifice by everyone, including the state, the employer, employees and retirees," says Council 5 legislative director Julie Bleyhl. "By working together and pulling together, we have ensured that public pensions will stay stable for decades to come. We have ensured that our government fulfills its promise to public employees."

Minnesota in Top 3 for Jobs

Our state has once again taken a top ranking in a national poll, this time for our job market. WalletHub named Minnesota the third "Best State for Jobs" due to job-market strength, opportunity and our healthy economy.



AFSCME members celebrate the pension bill becoming law with Gov. Dayton. Council 5 members and retirees were instrumental in getting the measure passed unanimously by the Senate and House. They were a significant presence at every legislative hearing on the issue.

Local Ratifies Contract

Local 3558 (St. Scholastica Monastery Environmental Services) approved a three-year contract with raises of 3 percent, 2.25 percent and 2.25 percent. The contract clarifies personal time off and improves language for vacation pay upon separation.

March in Pride Parade

AFSCME members will march alongside our fellow AFL-CIO family in the Ashley Rukes GLBT Pride Parade in Minneapolis. Bring your union banners and colors. It starts at 11 a.m. on **June 24**. Watch for lineup details and RSVP at: www.mnafcio.org/events/minnesota-afl-cio-2018-twin-cities-pride-parade.

Celebrate Juneteenth

The Minneapolis RLF People of Color Union Members (POCUM) are inviting union brothers and sisters to celebrate Juneteenth. The event starts at 11 a.m. **June 16** with a parade down Fremont Avenue and ends up in Bethune Park in North Minneapolis. www.tinyurl.com/y9dtzfn8

Donations, Volunteers Needed for Picnic

Join in the fun at the Council 5 AFSCME Family Picnic!

This annual rank-and-file picnic relies on generous contributions from locals and volunteers.

To help make the 2018 picnic possible, organizers need:

- Cash donations to buy burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks plus free water park tickets for the first 100 kids
- Potluck foods and desserts
- Volunteers

The picnic is 1 to 5 p.m. **Aug. 19** at Battle Creek Regional Park in Maplewood.

To donate, make checks payable to the AFSCME Family Picnic/Duane Gatzke. Mail to: 1025 E. Rose Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55106.

To get involved, contact Duane at 651-472-2787 or email him at kkirk77dg@comcast.net.

Bingo Benefit

An active Local 404 member who works at St. Peter Security Hospital, Ben Bruns, has a young son with leukemia. Friends are holding a benefit to help ease the family's financial burden.

The Bingo, Raffle and Silent Auction benefit is **Saturday, June 23** at the Red Men Club in St. Peter from 2 to 6 p.m.

You can donate by calling Stacey at 507-382-8890. www.facebook.com/HudsonBrunsBenefit

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out twice a month for locals and activists. Download a copy at www.afscmemn.org. Share news by emailing Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place/details
Vote in Primary	Aug. 14	www.sos.state.mn.us
AFSCME Family Picnic	Aug. 19, 1 to 5 p.m	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood
Council 5 Convention	Sept. 27 to 29	DoubleTree Bloomington Hotel