

AFSCME Local 718

Monthly Membership Meeting



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Know your Weingarten Rights!

Minutes of the Meeting March 4th, 2026 Online via Zoom

Attendees: Brad Evenson (President & IRRR Steward), Jodi Perkio (Vice President), Rick Reddick (Treasurer), Kate Hoyt (AFSCME Council 5 Field Rep.), Karl Gaalaas (Secretary), Jim McCue Steward, Jer Mally Executive Board Member

Excused: Karl Gaalaas

The meeting was called to order by President, Brad Evenson, at 6pm.

Roll call of officers was taken by Brad Evenson.

Secretary's Report:

- Brad made a motion to approve the minutes from February meeting. Rick seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Next meeting April 1st, 2026, 6 pm, online via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report (Rick Reddick):

Account Type:	Current Total:
Checking	\$47,104.37
Savings Contingency Fund	\$46,103.74
Savings General Fund	\$65,459.14
CD	\$1000
Total Net Worth	\$171,088.35

- Discussion about local having a credit card, will continue to reimburse members with a check.
- Ongoing discussions about using quick books, likely will continue with excel.
- Surety bond due, motion by Jodi seconded by Brad to pay the balance on the invoice of \$582.
- Jodi and Rick met to hand off duties for treasurer. Jodi made a motion to reimburse rick for dinner, motion carried.
- Request for a new treasurer printer under a value of \$100, motion was made by Rick, seconded by Jodi, motion carried.
- Will continue with having a second person sign checks coming out of the local account.
- Jodi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, Brad seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report (Brad Evenson):

- Discussion about Microsoft nonprofit accounts. Current price is \$1000 a year, with up to 15 people vs a family plan at \$300. With also what each plan offers like phones and devices.
- Researching different new computers for local officers to use.
- A couple of cases, one going step 2-3 and one arbitration.

Correspondence:

- All correspondence including the "AFSCME MN Council 5 AFL-CIO Executive Board Minutes" and the "Per Capita Tax & PEOPLE Contribution Reports" are now posted in the MemberLink section of the Council 5 website for any members review: <https://members.afscmemn.org/>

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Staff Report (Kate Hoyt):

- A review of membership numbers for Local 718 shows a 53.2 % participation rate.
- AFSCME communication platform is down and not working, working to resolve quickly.
- Preparing for blitz week in May 11th through 15th. Local 718 needs to identify individuals to help plus set a budget for this week.
- State action team conducting webinars
- SEPC is April 17th in St Cloud, Day on the Hill March 10th (no members as of now going from 718 to Day on the hill)

Chief Steward Report:

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Committee Report:

- Jim: All union (MAPE, MMA & AFSCME) fire collation meeting yet to take place, representative from MAPE will keep the pressure on HR at St Paul. In person meeting possibly in St Paul DNR HQ.
- Jodi made a motion to pay local afscme members to attend fire meeting in St Paul. Brad seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Site visits will continue day of the next in person meeting. Which will be May 6th in Two Harbors, reminder local will reimburse milage for members to attend mtg, dinner provided.
- Next in person meetings likely International Falls in August and possibly Moose Lake in November.
- Jodi: Have someone interested in marketing for local 718, facebook page and website. With also conducting general IT support.

New Business:

- Discussion about local purchasing new computers for officer positions including chief steward.
- Rick to work on the audit, will need to find two members to support him in the process.
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Good and Welfare:

- Jodi: Karl after having a procedure.

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: April 1st, 2026, 6 pm, online via Zoom

Submitted by: Karl Gaalaas, Secretary