

AFSCME Local 718

Monthly Membership Meeting



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Minutes of the Meeting

June 3rd, 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 (Eboard Member)

Excused:

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

Roll call of officers was taken by Brad Evenson.

Secretary's Report:

- Jodi made a motion to approve the minutes from May. Brad seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Next meeting July, 2026, 6 pm, online via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report (Rick Reddick):

Account Type:	Current Total:
Checking	\$45,974.34
Savings Contingency Fund	\$65,4567.21
Savings General Fund	\$58,532.69
CD	\$1000.00
Total Net Worth	\$170,974.24

- Jodi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, Brad seconded. Motion carried.
- Two outstanding checks from the May in person mtg.

President's Report (Brad Evenson):

- Labor day picnic, Brad to contact the coordinator.
- Information on the convention in Chicago, can send up to 4 personal. Rick made a motion to cover all usual expenses. Jodi seconded the motion, motion carried.

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/>

Staff Report (Kate Hoyt):

- A review of membership numbers for Local 718 shows a 53.2 % participation rate.
- Blitz in May 20 cards obtained, 3 cards received during the in person mtg site visits. Great feedback of the Bella Oscarson Scholarship Announcement.
- Convention in September, motion by Jodi to pay for expenses to attend the convention in September. Seconded by Rick, motion carried.
- Local leadership training June 12th.
- AFSCME Council 5 reeling after the loss of field rep Khalid Abdi.

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Chief Steward Report:

- Two grievances (step one & a step three) both waiting from HR to respond.
- Also waiting on HR to respond to an possible investigation.
- Deferred comp grievance, multiple employees affected.

Committee Report:

- Jim: no new update on joint union fire committee.

Old Business:

- Labor Day picnic, future discussion on how we will participate.
- Software, doing more research, waiting for credit card to purchase the new software.
- Rick, to research new computers
- Rick, to conduct audits, seeking trustees to help.
- Brad & Kate to check with council on with officer guidelines.

New Business:

- **Contract proposals due to president and the local by August 1st** so we can vote on them at the in-person meeting. Can send in anytime!
- Next in person meeting Internation falls, at Sammys Pizza. August 5th 6pm, Brad made a motion to pay up to 250 dollars to reserve a room. Jodi seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Jodi, Go fund me to the afscme council 5 field rep who passed away. Discussion about donating to the go fund me account for Khalid Abdi. Rick made a motion for a \$ 200 check, Jodi seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Jodi, Local use to give a card and check for \$50 dollars to an member retiring. Plus paying first year dues to the retirement group. Jodi made a motion to approve the card and check for \$50 dollars and pay for the first year dues for any future retirements. Rick seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Jodi made a motion for Karl to purchase cards and stamps, Rick seconded the motion, motion carried.
- At the November in person meeting in Moose Lake (Location TBD) will be voting on delegates and alternates for next Januarys negotiations.

Good and Welfare:

- Jodi: Congratulations to Terry Mjolsness, on your retirement!

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Jodi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Submitted by: Karl Gaalaas, Secretary