

AFSCME Local 718

Monthly Membership Meeting



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Minutes of the Meeting

August 5th, 2026

In-person, International Falls and 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:

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Rick Reddick, at 6pm.

Roll call of officers was taken by Rick.

Secretary's Report:

- Jodi made a motion to approve the minutes of July. Jer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Next meeting September 2nd, 2026, 6 pm, online via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report (Jodi Perkio):

Account Type:	Current Total:
Checking	\$37,481.42
Savings Contingency Fund	\$65,475.37
Savings General Fund	\$58,547.93
CD	\$1,000.00
Total Net Worth	\$162,504.72

- Jodi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, Jim seconded. Motion carried.
- Two out standing checks, contacted both members.

President's Report (Brad Evenson):

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 53.0 % participation rate.
- Convention Sept 23 – 26, 2026 at Double Tree Bloomington. We have 8 delegates. Which would be 2 personals from each bargaining unit. Election year for council 5 president!
- Local 1623 & 718 receiving an award for organization of the DNR and their hard work. We have driven the DNR percentage of members up almost 10%!

Chief Steward Report:

- Jim is working on a couple grievances and waiting for responses.

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Committee Report:

- Fire committee, MAPE conducted an interview with MRP about DNR Fire issues. With trying to get a response from HR.

Old Business:

- Scholarships, one application for 2026. Jodi made a motion to award the 718 scholarship and the Bella Oscarson scholarship to the applicant grand total of \$2400. Jim seconded, motion carried.
- Jodi, Grand Rapids Community foundation scholarship, wondering if 718 would be interested in donating and joint scholarship. With discussion the members opted to keep it the way it is and not take part in a joint scholarship.
- Brad to be in touch about the Labor Day picnic. Will send information out later.
- Welcome to Katie, new IT position for 718.
- New computers are in and being dispersed to local 718 officers. Jer to research the nonprofit items.
- Next in person meeting is November 4th, 2026, Moose Lake. Location TBD.

New Business:

- At the meeting they reviewed 6 masters proposals and 5 supplemental proposals. Any member wishing to review them, please reach out to any officer. Rick made a motion to send these to council 5, Jodi seconded, motion carried.
- Local 718 reviewed proposals from local 1465. Proposals 1 through 4 were accepted with a motion by Rick, seconded by Jodi. Proposals 6,7, & 9 were approved a motion to accept by Rick, seconded by Jer, motion carried.
- In person meetings for 2027 are as followed February Virginia, May Cloquet, August Hinckley, November Grand Rapids.
- Discussion about the retirement gifts, need some more information to send out.
- Discussion about the convention, Rick made a motion to pay usual expenses (milage, meals, meeting allowance and lodging) Jer seconded the motion, motion carried. Members attending the convention are Rick, Jim, Jodi, Jer & Adam.

Good and Welfare:

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Jodi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:09. Katie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: September 2nd, 2026, 6 pm, online via Zoom

Submitted by: Karl Gaalaas, Secretary