

AFSCME Local 718

Monthly Membership Meeting



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Know your Weingarten Rights!

Minutes of the Meeting

October 7th, 2026

Online via Zoom

Attendees: Jodi Perkio (Vice President), Rick Reddick (Treasurer), Kate Hoyt (AFSCME Council 5 Field Rep.), Karl Gaalaas (Secretary)

Excused: Brad Evenson (President & IRRR Steward), Jim McCue (Steward) Jer Malley (E Board)

The meeting was called to order by Jodi Perkio (Vice President) at 6pm.

Roll call of officers was taken by Jodi.

Secretary's Report:

- Jodi made a motion to approve the minutes from September; Rick seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Next meeting **November 4th IN PERSON Route 61 Lounge, Moose Lake, MN** & online via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report (Rick Reddick):

Account Type:	Current Total:
Checking	\$28,954.52
Savings Contingency Fund	\$65,483.62
Savings General Fund	\$58,563.25
CD	\$1,000.00
Total Net Worth	\$154,001.39

- Jodi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, Karl seconded. Motion carried.
- One outstanding check, Sammy's Pizza from Ifalls, Rick to check with them.
- Credit card is fixed!

President's Report (Brad Evenson): Rick and Jodi attended VP meeting

- One grievance completed in September
- A second one moving to arbitration
- Working on one deferred comp grievance

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 51.9 % participation rate.
- November in person meeting, nominating and voting on delegates for next years negotiations.
- January 22nd 2027, State Contract Negotiations Assembly #1**
- Next in person meeting day (Nov) hold a 2027 goal and budget training session for local 718.
- Jim and Kate to visit St Croix State Park

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Chief Steward Report:

- N/A

Committee Report:

- Fire committee, MAPE still putting pressure on HR. A MAPE member sat down with MPR News Identified issues with DNR fire fighters.

Old Business:

- Karl shared letter from the scholarship winner to Bellas Parents
- Discussed the old computers, will table until in person meeting. With the option to buy out the old computer if wanted to.
- More discussion about the Face Book.

New Business:

- Rick to start the audit process, Karl has old copies of the audit will scan to Rick.
- Karl & Jim sat down with Eric Bernstein from We Make Minnesota to do a interview about wildland fire fighting. Great video!
- Next in person meeting in Moose Lake, November 4th. At Route 61 Lounge.

Good and Welfare:

Welcome John to Local 718!

Jodi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 18:45 pm. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Submitted by: Karl Gaalaas, Secretary