

May 20th, 2024

Local 735 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: April Grothe, Jamie Lanoue, Debbie Knutson, Eric Jacobson. Via Zoom: Justin Lehmann, Mindy Ridout, Sue Kugler

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm at the Fergus Falls Public Library
2. Roll Call of Officers:
 - a. President: Jamie Lanoue- Present
 - b. Vice President: April Grothe- Present
 - c. Sec/Tres: Debbie Knutson- Present
3. Reading of the Minutes: Meeting Minutes read from April 15th meeting. Motion made by April for minutes to stand; no corrections noted. 2nd by Sue.
4. Reading of Correspondence: We received information about International in Los Angeles, August 12-16th. We figured it out and it would cost about \$5100 per person.
 - a. Motion was made by April and 2nd by Sue to discuss International and options.
 - b. Flights cost and options were noted along with the Hotel in LA and cost per night, night stay prior to flight, transportation to hotel and airport while in LA, lost wage, mileage, ect.
 - c. Idea was placed about taking a member or 2 out on Local Lost time to do site visits and talk with members and non members.
 - d. Vote was cast and voted down to sending anyone to International this year.
 - i. Motion was made by April and 2nd by Justin to Elect Eric Jacobson as our Delegate in International.
5. Reports of Officers: Jamie Lanoue is the new President of the Vets Policy Committee and Mindy is the Treasurer. Debbie Knutson remains the Treasurer of the DHS Policy Committee.
6. Reports of Staff & Committees: None at this time.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Local 735 Class Action Grievance has been extended until May 30th per DHS's wish to extend and collect more information and data.

b. AFSCME Council 5 Class Action Grievance is still in the works regarding sending emails to Local Leaders personal email rather than State emails, as some members don't have State issued emails.

8. New Business:

a. Debbie visited with the BMO bank and they encouraged us to place some of our checking account money into a Savings account or CD's. Will look into what the current rates are for CD and follow up.

b. AFSCME Strong will be held June 13-14th. Motion was made to send Justin if he was able and interested. Motion made by Debbie and 2nd by April.

c. Motion was made by Sue to send Debbie & Justin to do site visits for a week in the summer and another week during the fall. Local will cover mileage, meal receipts, and \$300 per day. They will let Eric know what weeks they will be out on Lost Time so that he can let Site Leadership know.

d. Motion made by Debbie to get a Zoom account set up so that we have the same Zoom link each meeting and that it doesn't cut off after 30minutes. 2nd by April.

9. Good & Welfare: None currently.

10. Adjournment: 6:40pm

a. Next Meeting will be held on June 17th at the Fergus Falls Public Library and available via zoom.