

AFGE Local 2578

Minutes: The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:05 PM, Tuesday, October 25, 2011. The monthly meeting was held in room 5220, at Archives II, with audio-conference connections to the NARA facilities at Archives I, Atlanta, Suitland, and Bush 43, Clinton, and Kennedy Libraries. A quorum of members was present. Representatives from Local 1200 (Denver and San Bruno) attended as guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Vernon Early, Secretary Sharmila Bhatia, Treasurer Nancy Fortna, and Sergeant-at-Arms Mitchell Buffone.

Meeting Minutes: Bhatia read the September monthly meeting minutes of AFGE Local 2578. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Fortna gave the treasurer's report (see attached report) reporting balances and expenses for September. Membership stands at 311 members with a gain of 21 members in the last month. The report was approved.

REPORTS:

Health and Safety Committee: Hilary Kaplan reported that the National Committee met. Bruce Zaczynski (BX) is re-writing the charter without including the sub-committees and input from the Union. Kaplan is suggesting a Resolve sessions and has approached Jean Whyte. Kaplan attended the local meeting. She also reported that the issue of the panic bar on exit doors has been dismissed as a concern. Bhatia reported that the Council brought the issue to the attention of the Archivist.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Organizing Committee: The Local will be holding recruitment events at Archives I, Archives II, and Suitland at the end of November.

Representational Activities: No report.

Communication Committee: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Early reported that he has photos from Representative Steny Hoyer's event at Archives II on October 17. He also read a letter from David Cox, Secretary-Treasurer of AFGE National. Harold Goodman (Atlanta) reported that he met with Jay Bosanko (A) and David Weinberg (AF).

Darryl Munsey reported that the recent Executive Order limits bonuses to no more than one percent of the agency's personnel budget. The Council negotiated bonuses at a lower rate but they will be given. The bonus amount will not be known until all performance evaluations are submitted. NARA Notice 2012-014 was issued this morning to clarify Notice 2012-010. For any issues concerning performance awards reps should call Darryl Munsey, Vernon Early, or Ted Hull.

Comments for the Good of the Local: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

Respectfully submitted November 28, 2011:

SHARMILA BHATIA

Secretary

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