AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:00 PM ET, Tuesday, August 27, 2024. The monthly meeting was held via virtual connection with NARA employees.

A quorum of members was present.

Vice President Jason Clingerman called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm ET.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were Vice President Jason Clingerman, Treasurer Saira Haqqi, and Sergeant-at-Arms Daniel Dancis. President Kyllye Winkey and Secretary Heidi Holmstrom were absent.

Meeting Minutes:

Dancis read the July 2024 minutes.

A MOTION to approve the July minutes as read was put forth by Greg Mouchyn, SECONDED by Myron Fleming. The motion was APPROVED.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Haqqi reported on the Local's transactions, assets, spending, and membership for the reporting period of July 2024. The report may be accessed on the AFGE Local 2578 public Google Drive.

In addition, Haqqi gave a shout out to all those who are doing a great job with recruitment.

A MOTION to approve the June report as read was put forth by David Castillo, SECONDED by Andrew Salyer. The motion was APPROVED.

Safety and Health Committee:

No report

Legislative Committee:

No report

Organizing committee:

Clingerman reiterated what was said earlier about the great recruiting going on.

Communications:

No Report

Women's and Fair Practices Committee:

No report

Representational Activity:

Clingerman reported that the agency agreed to settle the telework issue as per the email that he sent out on 08/26/2024 titled "UPDATE: Telework Grievance Settlement".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clingerman reported that Council transition business is ongoing on some issues including getting access to the Local's webpage on AFGE.org. Once this is in order it will be updated with the new officers information.

Q&A/Open Discussion:

Jesse Wilinsky asked in chat about the number of members. Haqqi responded "per the AFGE portal, which is probably undercounting since it doesn't yet include some of our newest members, we have 381 members."

Gretchen Walkup asked in chat: "OFR wasn't mentioned in the telework grievance settlement. What is happening there along with our planned move?"

David Castillo responded that the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) was not included in the telework settlement because it will be handled as part of the bargaining for the OFR's move out of the GPO. Handling it separately will allow for it to be addressed in a faster fashion.

There was a question raised if AFGE could provide guidance regarding the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Union Officers are not qualified to offer financial advice. The agency and TSP provide periodic seminars.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

Jason Staton reported that he and President Winkey attended the AFGE delegates committee in Las Vegas where Winkey accepted an award for 33% recruitment on behalf of the Local.

Clingerman thanked Haqqi for her work on the financials and helping with transition on behalf of the Local.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Amber Thiele, SECONDED by Jesse Wilensky. The motion was APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Clingerman at 12:20 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted: Daniel Dancis, Sergeant-at-Arms 08/27/2024 Approved on October 25, 2024.