

AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:01 PM, Tuesday, August 25, 2020. The monthly meeting was held via audio-conference and virtual connection with NARA employees on telework and weather and safety leave status.

A quorum of members was present.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Ashby Crowder, Executive Vice President Kimberlee Ried, Treasurer Yolanda Bean, and Secretary Daniel Dancis.

Meeting Minutes:

Dancis read the July meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved as read .

Treasurer's Report:

Bean reported on the Local's transactions, assets, and membership for the month of July.

MOTION by Kimberlee Ried to approve the reports as read. SECONDED by Jill Snyder. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

Yolanda Bean was recognized for her service as Treasurer this past term.

Representational Activity:

Crowder reported that not much new has changed since the last meeting in regard to pandemic activity.

Sharmila Bhatia reported that local health metrics by county are now posted on the ICN for all to view. NARA management is using this to determine what facilities to open and phase 2 of reopening may go into effect at some locations in the coming weeks.

Crowder reported about an arbitration hearing that was held over a grievance in the Midwest. A decision is expected before the end of year.

Safety and Health Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

Crowder reported on new news for the regulations for the paid parental leave act. An interim rule will take effect on or after October 1.

Organizing Committee:

Crowder reported that the local held an online only organizing event on August 4th with a good turnout and successful recruitment of new members. Membership now stands at over 300 members which is good in regard to the delegate count. Another event is scheduled for Sept. 22.

Communications Committee:

No report.

Women's and Fair Practices Committee:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Crowder reported on the Hatch Act litigation. Judge Xinix granted a Justice Department motion to dismiss the suit. Now the Union is looking at the possibility to appeal this. An update will be provided at next meeting about pursuing appeal.

NEW BUSINESS & Q&A Open Discussion:

None

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

None.

Other:

Election chair Miriam Kleiman administered the oath office to the new officers in attendance. Congratulations to President Ashby Crowder, Executive Vice President Kimberlee Ried, Treasurer Jimmie Greenlee, and Secretary Daniel Dancis. (Joe Byrnes, Sergeant-at-Arms, was not present and will take the oath of office at another time).

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Kimberlee Ried. SECONDED by Yolanda bean. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by President Crowder at 12:21 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be held September 29, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted August 25, 2020.

Daniel Dancis, Secretary, AFGE 2578