

AFGE Local 2578 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The members of AFGE Local 2578 met at 12:01 PM ET, Tuesday, June 29, 2021. The monthly meeting was held via audio-conference and virtual connection with NARA employees.

A quorum of members was present.

President Ashby Crowder called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Ashby Crowder, Vice President Kimberlee Ried, Treasurer Jimmy Greenlee, Secretary Daniel Dancis; Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Byrnes joined after the roll call.

Meeting Minutes:

Dancis read the May meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

MOTION by Kimberlee Ried to approve the minutes as corrected. SECONDED by Jesse Wilensky. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Greenlee reported on the Local's transactions, assets, spending, and membership for the month of May 2021.

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

Safety and Health Committee:

No report

Legislative Committee:

Crowder reported that the budget request, with an increase of \$28 million for NARA has been made public. Approval of the request has not been made yet.

Organizing Committee:

Crowder reported on the organizing event held June 15 which got a few new members.

Crowder reported that District 14 is undertaking an effort to boost recruitment and has identified Local 2578 for this. among other locals. Coordinated events to meet this goal will be coming soon.

Crowder reported that the Local's Executive Board voted to reinstate the 100/100 recruitment bonus for new members and recruiters. For each enrollment, \$100 will be given to the member and the recruiter. AFGE national will reimburse the Local for a portion of this.

Representational Activity:

Crowder reported that there is no pending arbitration at this moment.

Crowder reported that AFGE and NARA are working on post-pandemic plans and the main topics of discussion are expansion of telework, maxiflex, and reasonable accommodations.

Crowder reported that the Hatch Act lawsuit was lost due to the decisions of a panel of conservative judges and currently the local and the legal team are considering next steps, if any.

Communications Committee:

Ried reminded members to like and follow the Local's Facebook page.

Crowder reported that Amanda Weimer has joined as the new employee outreach coordinator.

Women's and Fair Practices Coordinator:

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No report

NEW BUSINESS & Q&A Open Discussion:

No report.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LOCAL:

Ried mentioned that the Tenement museum in New York City is attempting to unionize.

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

The meeting was adjourned by President Crowder at 12:23 pm ET.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of AFGE Local 2578 will be held Tuesday July 27, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted June 29, 2021.
Daniel Dancis, Secretary, AFGE 2578