

MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AFSCME Local 189

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

6025 E Burnside, Portland, OR

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Acting President Chuck Moffit, followed by the flag salute, reading of the ground rules for AFSCME meetings, and introductions.

Establishment of Quorum

23 members in good standing were present, therefore establishing a quorum (20) in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Constitution for Local 189..

Approval of Minutes: M/S/P minutes for April 22, 2008, as presented.

President's Report: Chuck Moffit presented a certificate of appreciation to Mark Gipson for his extraordinary service to 189 as political organizer for the 2008 primary election. Election was very successful; Local 189's endorsed candidates prevailed. Nick Fish left a message thanking 189 for supporting his election as Commissioner.

M/S/P endorsement of Sweat Free Coalition as well as a \$500 donation.

Council Representative's Report: James Hester indicated that Council 75 political staff was very pleased with efforts of Mark Gipson in election. Sam Adams will notify 189 when he is scheduled to be sworn in as Portland's Mayor.

PDC bargaining going well; will be great allies during our bargaining. DCTU bargaining team will have a lot on its plate in the bargaining of a new contract in 2009 – most likely a 12-month process this time around.

In a response to an inquiry from Juanita McDermid, James indicated there are no term limits for serving on LMC's.

Vice President's Report: None.

Report from Treasurer: Robin Mariani-Moffit distributed and briefly reviewed Local 189 Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as of May 27, 2008. Reports do not yet reflect the income adjustment generated by the recently approved dues increase.

In her role as AFSCME 189's PAC representative, Robin indicated that, even though a run-off election for Mayor in November is no longer necessary, the PAC total of \$12,000 for political contributions that was approved will remain in reserve until after the election in November. Chuck Moffit will invite Amanda Fritz & Charles Lewis, candidates for Commissioner, to speak and answer questions at the June 10 E-Board meeting.

Organizer's Report: No report.

Editor's Report: None.

Chapter Chair Reports: Curt French (Chapter E – BDS 1900 Bldg.) reported on the success of a grievance involving a housing inspector at BDS. Darel McDermid (Chapter G Parks & Fire) shared success at Mt. Tabor yard in getting signature cards. Mark Schnoor (Chapter A – Water Bureau) reported on several situations at Water Bureau that need attention. Mark is meeting with a rep from Earl Blumenauer's office to discuss the Clean Water Trust Fund to make sure no federal or state funds are going to private utility systems. **M/S/P** endorsing Mark Schnoor as Local 189's official representative at this meeting.

Chuck Moffit asked chapter chairs to provide a current list of all stewards and where they work ASAP.

Old Business: The following members were nominated to fill vacant positions as officers for Local 189 until the election is held in November to elect new officers for 2-year terms beginning in January 2009, and, with only one nomination for each position, were elected to office: Leroy Creel, Vice President/Chair – Chapter D (Portland Bldg.)*; Dennis Ketron, Vice President/Chair – Chapter F (Police Bureau); & Mark Gipson, Executive Vice President. *1 additional Chapter Chair for Chapter D remains unfilled.

New Business: Results of a paper ballot indicated the following to serve as the four (4) delegates in addition to 189's acting president (Chuck Moffit) (for a total of five) to the AFSCME International Convention in San Francisco July 27-August 1, 2008: Robin Mariani-Moffit, Mark Gipson, Joanne Hampton & James Hester. Alternates (5) also attending will be: Mark Schnoor, Phillis Pace, Carol Justice, Darel McDermid & Debbie Hussey (Mark Schnoor subsequently cancelled).

Good & Welfare: **M/S/P** 3 months of COBRA for Anita Henson, OSS I, Water Bureau; Adrian Lasley on medical layoff, Water Bureau (James is addressing this situation), up to 3 months of COBRA on a month-to-month as needed basis; Craig Trotti, CAS I Specialist, Water Bureau, 1 month of COBRA (James is working on this situation as well).

M/S/P \$300 donation and condolences to family of Nancy Kwan who died suddenly. Nancy had worked for several bureaus in the city and most recently BDS.

The (2) winners of this month's drawing for \$50 each were:
Andrew Wendelschafer & Curt French* Congratulations!
*Curt donated his \$50 back to 189.

Meeting Reminder: Chuck reminded members that there will be no General Membership meetings in the summer months of June, July & August. Next meeting will be on September 23. The E-Board will continue meeting in the summer on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. – all members are welcome to attend E-Board meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. This meeting will be preceded with Stewards Training at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hampton, Recording Secretary

Note: **M/S/P** = Moved, Seconded, Passed