

PSRP Chapter Forum-Local 243

Meeting minutes for September 20th, 2012

I. Call to Order

- a. Linda Nellen called to order the monthly meeting of the PSRP Chapter Forum-Local 243 at 5:58 on September 20th at the Lazy Oaf Lounge in Madison, WI.

II. Roll Call

- a. A formal roll call was not taken by calling names but it was written down that Linda Nellen, Sandy Fuller, Aimee Althof, Christine Henker, Cynthia Dallman and Robin Gee were present. Kristin Fredrickson was absent.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a. The minutes from the last forum meeting were read previously via email and then reread individually by each forum member. The minutes were approved as read without correction.

IV. Open Issues

- a. Continued reorganization of stewards in conjunction with the Faculty Chapter.
- b. The issue of casuals and the ongoing grievances. All agreed to be tabled till next Forum meeting.
- c. Continued examination and development of communication methods with our members.
- d. Restructuring of employees orientation packet was not discussed. (Not on agenda.) This will be put on the agenda for the next PSRP Forum meeting.

V. Items we will be bringing to Executive Forum

- a. Ongoing recruitment and rejuvenation of the stewards
- b. The reinstating of having committees meet and provide a monthly report
- c. Having our Adopt a Highway scheduled during the October convocation as part of our Community outreach

VI. New Business

- a. Benefits Committee-There is an open spot for a PSRP which has to be appointed. Cynthia Dallmann discussed the nature and the importance of having a PSRP member on it. Linda Nellen said she would think about it. Aimee Althof offered to be on it. It requires a mandatory commitment to make those meetings two Fridays of every month.

VII. Motions made and approved.

- a. Motion made to call meeting to order by Fuller. Moved first by Dallmann. Second by Dallmann. All moved in favor. None opposed.

- b. Meeting minutes were read by the individual forum members and approved. Motion made first by Fuller. Second by Dallmann to approve. All in favor. None opposed.
- c. Motion made to adjourn at 7:12 pm by unknown. Moved first by Fuller. Second by Huneker. All approved. None opposed.

VIII. Discussions and actions

- a. Stewards and reorganization. Proceeding with more formal training. Steward training was set up by Marie Dusio in conjunction with the School of Workers, Corliss Olson. The set dates are for October 15th and October 22nd. Althof is responsible for typing up a memo to be sent to all PSRP persons and existing stewards to be sent out so people will sign up. Nellen will send out the email blast when it is finished. There was talk of having alternative dates available in case a member cannot make any of the first sessions. It was also discussed and decided to continue with the stewards to existing areas but ensuring that there was a pool for existing members to pick from because of schedules not working with their first choice of stewards. The existing list of stewards was sent to Marie to post. A November meeting is being explored for all stewards to attend to provide an overview of the expectations of what a steward is to do which include by not limited to fact finding for members prior to going to the grievance officer, introducing themselves to new hires in the departments with union employee information, continually receiving training; etc. At the next executive meeting with faculty, it will be posed that on-line steward training be found and provided.
- b. There was not discussion of another membership drive in October.
- c. Robin presented an overview of what discussed at the Communications meeting. After the communications meeting, the items posed by the committee needed from the chapters are as follows:
 - a. Find the holes in the website that need to be corrected.
 - b. The meeting minutes are not current for the school year of 2011 through 2012. A disclaimer needs to be placed indicating that the minutes are not currently available. The meeting minutes have to be posted once they are completed. Althof will send those as they are approved and voted on. They are to be sent to Nadine. (Althof does not have her email at the time of these minutes so, they were sent to Marie on 09/24/2012.) Robin is going to contact AFT to have them remove obsolete or unnecessary content including the resolution.

- c. History tab-
 - a. A history needs to be written up about the Local 243. There was also mention of including national historical events that impacted and formulated unions as a whole.
- d. Officers-
 - a. Each officer needs to write a brief introductory memo. Linda Nellen is responsible for writing for the PSRP.
- e. Stewards-
 - a. A current list based on the old website was provided to Marie per her request. However, there was mention of not even knowing the accuracy of the list. Linda did provide a separate list during a PSRP Forum meeting. There was a discussion of going through the list and calling every person listed to see if they were active and wanted to remain on the list. I believe that Robin said she would contact those persons and report her findings.
- f. Include an new tab labeled announcements-
 - a. Robin suggested that we propose at Forum to have an announcement tab indicating meeting announcements and brief notes about things going on and coming up with the Union.
 - b. Janet Stevens had made note in a separate email but also to the committee that currently she and Nadine have been mining for information and articles. During Forum it needs to be noted that Nadine needs more information to put up to keep the page active and members interested in checking back. This would include things like the Chicago strike, reversal of Act 10 but also that there are meeting going on and highlighting the important topics of discussion like the website, for example.