

**AFSCME LOCAL 448**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**12-2-2021**  
**Rockford Labor Temple**

**ROLL CALL:** Alice Sutherland, Diane Ritter, Taquisha Santo -Teague, Robin Aebly, Tom Soresie, Greg Duffy, Tanya Burns, Jennifer Lavasseur, Marie Reck, Chris Hooser, Jeff Bergstrom, Aaron Sockwell

**Excused:** Laurie Scudder, Tina Wren,

**Unexcused:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Diane Ritter to accept treasurer's report subject to audit. Second was made by Taquisha Santo -Teague. Motion passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Motion made by Robin Aebly Second was made by Tanya Burns to accept secretary report. Motion passed.

**STAFF REPORT:** Chris Hooser

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Alice Sutherland

Remote work pilot agreements have been reached in some agencies and some positions will be returning to work. The union is working diligently with state representatives to push CMS to hire more staff. We are gathering vacant position and case load information to present to back up our position that more staff in all agencies are desperately needed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Chair:** Jenni Lavasseur

**Committee Members:** Jeff Bergstrom, Tom Soresie, Taquisha Santos-Teague

Jenni Lavasseur: The committee has talked and one of the things we are looking at doing is some sort of small thing, like a magnet for our members and to go into new member packets.

## **PEOPLE:**

**Chair: Laurie Scudder**

**Committee Members: Tina Wren, Marie Reck**

No report

## **NEWSLETTER:**

**Chair: Alice Sutherland**

**Committee Members: All E-board**

As always if you have something you would like to have put in the newsletter get it to Alice Sutherland but the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## **SCHOLARSHIP:**

**Chair: Diane Ritter**

**Committee Members: Laurie Scudder, Robin Aebly, Tina Wren**

I will be reaching out to the scholarship winners to get the information we need to get them their payment for the next semester

## **GRIEVANCE:**

**Chair: Dianne Ritter**

## **HARDSHIP:**

**Chair: Alice Sutherland,**

**Committee Members: Jeff Bergstrom**

We have no hardship requests at this time. Members had questions about how hardship requests work. Alice Sutherland explained the process.

## **ENTERTAINMENT/ GOOD AND WELFARE:**

**Chair: Alice Sutherland -**

**Committee Members: All E-board**

Our Holiday Happenings start next week on 12-9 in Dixon at Palmyra, then 12-14 at Cimino's in Freeport and last but not least, at Stone Eagle in Rockford on 12-15.

Plans are also in the works for a local wide member appreciation party. This will be held at the Hoffman House on 4-23-22. Watch the newsletter for more details.

## **ELECTIONS:**

**Chair: Tanya Burns**

**Committee Members: Tom Soresie, Greg Duffy, Aaron Sockwell**

The next elections we will have will be for the AFSCME International convention which will be held July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Philadelphia.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Today State representatives Vella and West were supposed to be here to continue our discussions around staffing issues. However, unfortunately they couldn't make it. DCFS member asks what's the Union doing to assist. Alice Sutherland stated that we are working with state representatives to push CMS and change the hiring process. Tanya Burns tells members about the fast-track program that's supposed to get members hired. If there are applicants DCFS members know of that have submitted applications but have not heard anything, members were asked to pass information to Tanya Burns.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Diane Ritter. Second was made by Tanya Burns. Motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taquisha Santos -Teague, Secretary.