

Centennial Hall, Egan Room March 27, 2007 12:12pm.

Officers present: Stephen Wright, Sandy Johnston, Chris Pace, Christine Lee, Nadine Lefabvre, Mary Sturgis

Oath of Office: Sandy Johnston

Administered oath of office to incoming officers Christine Lee, Chris Pace, Nadine Lefabvre.

CNC update: Chris Pace, Sheila Fowlkes

State is only surface-bargaining with us at this point, although it appears they are meeting with other unions in good faith. CNC is attempting to get them to the table. Jim Duncan is doing well presenting our proposals. Committee needs strong member support. Sheila recommended sending cc's of any letters to the Governor to the union office and the newspaper. Chris pointed out that not only are wages not keeping pace, but that health care costs are increasing as well.

Contract Action Teams: Stephen Wright

Employees are making 10% less now than 10 years ago. The current proposals are geared toward regaining what we have lost. Recommends writing to the Governor and attending the rallies.

Legislative liason: Fate Putman

We've missed the March 16th deadline for the legislature to consider any financial impact of an agreement. Recommends holding mini-rallys April 3-4-5 before work, at noon, and after work. These will coincide with the next negotiation period to be held here in Juneau. Sign-up sheets are available for a time slot and place for the rallies.

Business agent: Dick Islet & Kim Metcalf

Dick passed out a COLA study showing comparison between Alaska & other states. Kim offered assistance with letter writing. She also gave advice for participating in the rallies (wear hat, gloves, warm clothing)

Stewards report: Mary Sturgis

Main focus is still support of the CNC. More stewards are always needed. Dick offered training for small groups if more volunteer to be stewards.

Constitutional Amendment Advisory Vote: John Roxburgh

Reiterated that a no vote is recommended. Affects more than just same-sex partners. Any time government is allowed to withdraw benefits to any group sets a bad precedent. Noted that early voting is allowed for this vote.

Activities Committee: Nadine Lefabvre

Chapter softball team needs a few more men to sign up, currently have 6 women, 4 men. Wants to get volunteers to build/man 4th July Float, have annual summer picnic,

recommends holding 1 evening chapter per quarter w/day care and food available, and making families welcome.

Women's Issues Committee: Nadine Lefabvre

Working with the Health Trust to address issue of coverage of preventative health care. Regarding safe, affordable child care- would like to offer training for child care workers, trying to get day care centers allowed in state buildings, much as the federal system does.

PAC: Fate Putman

HB 179 raises employee retirement contributions 5%, which the state will not be required to match. Hearings before state affairs committee Thurs. 8:00am and Sat. 10:00am.

Adjourned: 12:57

Approved: _____
Stephen Wright, President

Sandy Johnston, Secretary