

PTE 17 Seattle Chapter

Meeting Minutes April 13, 2016

Officers present:

Secretary Ulysses Hillard

Vice President Ford Walker

Treasurer Gabriela Vega

President Darlene Flynn was out of town

Minutes by Ulysses

Quorum was reached at 12:18 PM (20 members present).

The March minutes were approved as written by voice at 12:20 PM with one abstention.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Officers Report

Ford reported on Friedrichs v CTA: The Supreme Court decision on Friedrichs v CTA was a 4-4 tie. This means the lower court decision against the plaintiffs stands. This is not the end, though. The plaintiffs will file a new case as soon as they can once a ninth justice is appointed to the Supreme Court.

Ulysses directed members attention to letter that the three chapter officers will send to Executive Director Joe McGee in response to ED McGee's letter to all chapter officers. ED McGee's letter informed Chapter Officers that PTE 17 is closing all Chapter bank accounts, taking possession of all Chapter funds, and that future Chapter expenses are to be covered by reimbursements requests to the PTE 17 professional office. The Seattle Chapter officers wrote a letter in protest (attached to these minutes).

Ford announced that the REC delegates received a letter from the PTE17 professional office announcing that the PTE17's leadership cancelled the March REC meeting. The reason given was to save money in case the Friedrichs v CTA decision went against public sector unions.

MLK County Labor Council Delegates Report

Ulysses reported on recent MLKCLC Mobilization actions and invited members to a rally at the Wells Fargo building after the meeting.

Staff Report

Charles reported on the ongoing status of a wrongful termination in the contact center. The case went to second round of arbitration because the City didn't want to restore vacation and sick

leave upon re-hiring our member and back pay was 20 days short. The arbitrator sided with PTE 17. Again. Charles observed that the City cost itself and PTE 17 at least \$2K by forcing this back into arbitration.

Steward Reports

Brett Ronneberg reported that the plan to reconfigure offices to be smaller and denser with lower/no cube walls is continuing to move forward in Seattle City Light.

Ian Bondy reported that this office reconfiguration is “coming down from FAS”.

Charlie Rogers reported that his pay is lower than what is indicated for his classification and tier in the bargaining agreement. He was also surprised that his medical coverage doesn't cover office visits for preventative care because the Affordable Care Act specifically included an emphasis on making preventative care more accessible.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.