

PTE 17 Seattle Chapter
Meeting Minutes July 14, 2016

Officers present:

President Darlene Flynn

Vice President Ford Walker

Treasurer Gabriela Vega

Secretary Ulysses Hillard was out of town

Minutes by Ulysses from an audio recording by Ford

Staff Report

Business Representatives Charles Primm and Shaun Van Eyck reported that PTE 17 staff have been collecting concerns from members about Space Planning. They also said they expect a response soon to the letter that PTE 17 sent to the City demanding to bargain Space Planning. They also reported that parking rates at the Seattle Municipal Garage are going up dramatically.

Officers Report

Darlene reported that the Seattle Chapter started directing attention to Space Planning starting over a year ago. Darlene described what Space Planning has meant in her office, the Office of Civil Rights.

Gabriela reported that the Chapter's current bank balance is \$5,641.53 and that no money has been spent since the last meeting.

MLK County Labor Council Delegates Report

Ford reported that I-515 (the "Bathroom Bill") failed to gather enough signatures which was a big win for trans people.

REC Delegates Report

Ford and Darlene reported that PTE 17 Executive Director Joe McGee is stepping down, that all REC Delegates were sent a letter allowing a yes or no vote to select Deputy Executive Director Behnaz Nelson to be the new Executive Director.

Art Pederson (DCI) pointed out that the REC has not met in a year despite the Constitution calling for three REC meetings a year.

Dan O'Sullivan reported that he was on the team that nominated Behnaz and said that she is well educated and well spoken and that she is "the right person for the job". Darlene pointed out that the process followed was not democratic.

Stewards Reports

Space Planning

Several members expressed their concern and anger at the process the City is following in pushing Space Planning onto employees.

Art reported forming a group within SDCI specifically to engage the Space Planning process and that they have been “doing a lot of pushing”. He strongly recommended that members start engaging the Space Planning process as early as possible.

A member on a floor where employees share the floor restrooms with the public reported that restrooms are already a concern because there are more users than can be accommodated by the existing restrooms, much less adding more users.

A City Light employee reported that the new partition material is smooth and flat and seems to make noise levels worse.

Alternative Work Schedules

Tim Lowry (SPU) asked Charles if there had been any developments regarding movement by SPU management to decrease the number of employees on alternative work schedules. Charles had nothing new to report other than that PTE17 has consistently encouraged an expansion of alternatives work schedules.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.