

PTE 17 Seattle Chapter  
August Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2016

Chapter Officers present: Vice President Ford Walker

Quorum was reached at 12:00 PM.

Ford began with introductions of all present. He advised that in lieu of taking minutes he was recording the meeting and would transcribe the recording later. No members objected.

PTE 17 Business Representative Guadalupe Perez reported that the city had announced plans to expand paid parental and sick family member leave time from four weeks to eight weeks. She reported this has put the City at odds with the coalition of unions as well as the other major unions such as Fire, Seattle Police Officers Guild, and IBEW 77 because the Mayor announced this before bringing it to the bargaining table. The contract negotiators feel this was a breach of trust because the City did not present this to them first in good faith.

Ford reported that MLKLC did not meet in July but held a rally for a City ordinance requiring a minimum family leave of 12 weeks led by Councilmember Kshama Sawant.

The conversation then turned to space planning. Ford passed around his copy of the letter PTE 17 Business Representative Charles Primm presented at the July meeting. Guadalupe reported that the City had responded by ignoring the Union's request to cease and desist and advised if we wanted to pursue we should fill out an unfair labor practice. Guadalupe reported forming a committee to pursue writing a letter.

Someone suggested various ways we can interrupt the process of moving workstations. One suggestion was refusing to box up their desk so that it couldn't be moved. Consensus was that this would only be effective if done by a majority of the office and otherwise could be construed as insubordination.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM