

BFHD IFPTE Local 17 Meeting Summary

Meeting Type:
Chapter Meeting

Meeting Date:
3/1/11 (5:22-6:00pm)

Meeting Reported By:
Susan Shelton

Officer Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Coleman (President and Vice President) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Miller (Steward and Treasurer) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marta Blunt (REC Delegate) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Shelton (Secretary and Steward) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irene Berger (Labor Council, REC Alternate, Steward) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romy Arreola (Steward) |

Local 17 Representative Present:
Don Briscoe

Meeting Attendance including officers
10/43 (23%)

Special Notes:

- Next meeting is 5/10/11
Our goal: Bring A Friend!
- Consider who you'd like to be on the Bargaining Team to help decide the next contract and nominate them by April 1

Web Links:

[BFHD BOH Meeting Notes](#)

[PTE Local 17 BFHD site](#)

Major Agenda Topics Discussed

Minutes from 9/8/10 Meeting Approved

Motioned by B. Wilkins; seconded by D. Miller. Approved unanimously.

Minutes were provided through email, but will also be posted to BFHD page on Local 17 site (see link at bottom left of this page)

Kudos for Recent Successes (Jim)

Thanks go to Local 17 representatives, BFHD Chapter members, previous bargaining team, and management for recent successes:

- Effective 1/1/11 staff received a 2% cost of living adjustment (rare in these times)
- Nutrition Aide II position approved for staff 1/1/11; all current Nutrition Aides were promoted into the Aide II position

Budget Update (Don)

Main challenge for the state is to balance the budget for the upcoming biennium (2011-2013), in addition to making up for a \$500 million deficit from the last budget cycle.

One of the potential cuts in the state budget is the loss of the MVET backfill, but Don discussed with Dr. Jecha that BFHD had already factored in the potential loss of the backfill in BFHD's 2011 budget.

[Editorial comment on MVET provided only for these notes: Decades ago, public health used to receive funding from property taxes. In 1976, this dedicated funding/taxation was no longer used for public health and the cities and counties became responsible for funding—the contributions varied greatly by jurisdiction. In 1996 dedicated funding for public health returned when a portion of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax was used to fund Public Health—this was about \$25 million in the state each year. A few years later, Initiative 695 repealed the use of these taxes in 1999 and the legislature removed the source in 2000. Since 2000, the legislature has 'backfilled' 90% of the money back to the cities, law enforcement, criminal justice, and public health that used to receive MVET money. This backfill has been at the discretion of legislature since 2000 and is expected to be substantially reduced or entirely eliminated this biennium.]

State Budget will be better known around April 7, when the statewide

forecast should be announced. Currently, the legislature is trying to make up for a projected \$5.7 billion deficit from the 2011-2013 budget.

IFPTE disaffiliation (Don)

In October 2010, the Regional Executive Committee voted unanimously to disaffiliate from the International group, breaking about 80 years of association. Local 17 wants to operate independently to be more involved regionally and use money previously sent to the international union for the betterment of local members.

Read more in the Insight from December 2010:

http://www.ifpte17.org/publications/insight/insight_nov_dec10.pdf

Final disassociation should occur by August 2011.

Structure and member representation will remain the same, but you'll begin seeing information with a new name: PTE (Professional and Technical Employees) Local 17.

Bargaining Team (Don)

Our current contract ends at the end of 2011. Bargaining for the new contract generally begins 6 months before the end of the contract, so now's the time to start thinking about who you want to be on the bargaining team.

Two slots are already filled: Jim (as Chapter President) and Dave (to provide consistency). We have two additional positions that are waiting for you (or someone you think would do well).

Here are some qualities to consider when determining a prospective bargaining representative. They should be:

- Respected in the workplace by colleagues
- Able to separate personal interest and work for the betterment of the unit
- Able to share communication to the rest of the members
- Able to communicate effectively and credibly with management
- Able to spend some time to consider proposals from members (Meetings are generally held monthly)

It will be a tough bargaining session with the budget difficulties. Two issues are likely to appear: Cost of Living and Health Care. But think about other issues that you'd like to see addressed. A survey will be sent out later this year for your input.

If you want to actively participate on the Bargaining Team or nominate someone, please notify Jim or Don by April 1, 2011.

Don's Retirement

Don plans to retire in July. He hopes to bring his replacement to a

well-attended meeting at our next Chapter Meeting—May 10, 2011.

Bilingual Time Study

Time study to track amount of time bilingual staff spend providing written translation and verbal interpretation for other BFHD staff or programs began 3/1/11. Study is planned to continue through 8/31/11.

Agenda Items Unresolved

Don will discuss the recent change to the Clerical Supervisor job description with Human Resources next week.

Additional Meeting Dates Scheduled

A labor management meeting was set for 3/22/11 (2pm) for Chapter Officers to discuss ongoing issues with management. Topics include:

- Out of classification assignments
- Job descriptions
- Administrator position

Next Chapter Meeting: 5/10/11

Bring a friend!