**Meeting minutes 4/25/24**

During the meeting, members introduced any new participants and shared updates from their respective areas. Cathy discussed a silent picket scheduled for May 6th in Rochester, starting at the Mayo Clinic and marching to Peace Plaza, aiming to highlight the ongoing hardships nurses face and the legislative issues involving Mayo's exemption due to their threats of leaving Rochester. Support was requested to get this action listed on Region 20's website, both broadly and locally. Additionally, Cathy mentioned issues at the community and technical college in Austin, with a potential steward training in July aimed at increasing member engagement and adding a dozen new stewards.

Chris highlighted his support for a Renter’s Bill of Rights and discussed potential legislative concerns, seeking endorsement from the executive team. He also noted upcoming member comments to discuss a petition for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and to urge the board to make a statement, along with considering pushing the State Board of Investment (SBI) to divest from banks financing wars and fossil fuels.

David discussed the informational pickets at St. Pete and Carolton related to UMD's TA and CARE closure, emphasizing the strengthened relationships between MAPE, AFSCME, and regional solidarity groups. He highlighted the May Day events in Duluth/Twin Ports and Twin Cities, which fostered significant coalition building.

The meeting included a walkthrough of a PowerPoint presentation, seeking commitments from members to present at the Local Presidents Committee (LPC) and other groups. The presentation schedule includes LPC on May 13th, PAC and OC, PC on May 9th (possibly in June), and ERC on May 20th. Cathy and James were identified as potential presenters for shared training at ERC and LPC, respectively.

Upcoming solidarity events discussed included the May Day events in Twin Ports and Twin Cities, support for striking UI workers through petition signing, and a call to keep an eye on the MFTs ESP strike, encouraging members to sign the pledge and support the strike.