REGION 15 MEETINGS

Local 1502 web page: <http://www.mape.org/my-mape/locals/1502>

MEETING DATES: September 25 - 27, 2018

LOCATIONS:

Tuesday September 25, 2018

Northland Community College, Thief River Falls

12pm - 1pm

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Blue Moose Restaurant, East Grand Forks

12pm - 1pm

Thursday September 27, 2018

Country Kitchen Restaurant, Detroit Lakes

12pm – 1pm

Boulder Tap Restaurant, Moorhead

5pm – 6pm

1. OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report (Larry Moe)

• Current YTD balance is $20,644.84 as of 08/30/2018.

• Paid for two alternates to attend Delegate Assembly.

Secretary’s Report (Jane Melander)

• Minutes from the July 2018 meeting were handed out to attendees at the Moorhead meeting.

• Reminder: Minutes are posted under "News" on the Local 1502 web site (<https://www.mape.org/my-mape/locals/1502>).

2. MEMBERSHIP (Brad Berce)

• Due to increased recruitment efforts during this past year, Local 1502 membership rose to 73.87% (with 79 non-members).

• The State average is 73.5%.

• With the drop of fee payer contributions, MAPE will take a $2 million hit to its budget each year.

• Members are urged to reach out to new hires to discuss the benefits of becoming a member.

3. DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RECAP (Brad Berce)

• Delegate Assembly was held September 15th at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington, MN.

• This is the highest governing body of MAPE.

• Brad Berce, Bryan Kotta, and Larry Moe are delegates to the assembly.

• Two alternates attended from Local 1502: Zack Echola and Pam Schorsch.

• Items that were discussed included:

- Restructuring MAPE's leadership to merge/eliminate the First Vice President position.

- Holding Delegate Assembly every two years instead of annually.

- Guest speaker: Tim Walz (MAPE's endorsed candidate for Minnesota Governor). Walz addressed the assembly and reminded them that he served as a teacher at Mankato West. He personally benefited from his union's support and believes in supporting state workers, funding our pensions, and negotiating fair contracts.

- Local 1501 was recognized for their increase in membership.

4. NEGOTIATIONS PREPARATIONS & LISTENING SESSION (Brian Kotta & Debbie Prokopf)

• Preparations begin in December for our upcoming contract negotiations.

• Members were asked what concerns they want addressed in the coming negotiations.

5. 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION (Debbie Prokopf)

• Debbie stressed the importance of electing a labor-friendly candidate for MN Governor.

• MAPE has endorsed Tim Walz for MN Governor.

• A "Labor to Labor" door knocking event is scheduled for October 13th. Fliers were handed out to attendees and members were urged to participate.

Next Meeting: TBD

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Winners of the $25 gift were meeting attendees Marc Holland, Nick Kramer, and Jane Melander.

Submitted by Jane Melander, MAPE Local 1502 Secretary​