**MAPE LOCAL 1703 Minutes –June 2019**

**Cambridge meeting 06-05-19:**

1. Good and welfare: None

1. Previous minutes approved

1. 1703 Membership Report: Doreen Polzin.  Local is currently at about 83.05% members.   Deadline to become a member is Aug. 9 in order to vote on the contract.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Rosee Holte-absent:  The balance is $1,419.

1. Old Business:  None

1. Chief Steward Report:  Rosee Holte-absent:   No report

1. Business Agent Report: Nic Frey:  Provided a legislative update. There was an expanded student loan reimbursement program for DHS and also MNIT, which is at agency discretion, which will go in effect with the new contract.  Contract negotiations are still ongoing.  No proposals have been submitted about wages and benefits.  They are working to expand the student loan reimbursement.  MAPE is also pushing to increase phase retirement as an option of everyone.  MAPE is pushing to change family leave and advance two weeks of sick leave for an employee lacking sick time so they can care for an ill family member.  MAPE is also requesting to expand bereavement leave.  Continued push for earlier vacation accruals.  MAPE is pushing to make changes to temporary unclassified and unclassified employees.

There are more members involved in the negotiations.  250 members attended the opening rally.  MAPE is always looking for members to tell their personal stories of how these issues affect them.   Push week for contract negotiations is June 17th.  There is another rally on June 18 in Bloomington.  Per MAPE bylaws every local must have contract information meetings between July 8 and Aug 8.  The Cambridge meeting falls into that time table and will have another one as well.  There will be a membership drive after the contract is approved.

1. Regional 17 Director’s Report:  Mike Terhune:  Discussed statewide elections.  Delegate assembly will be the thirdSaturday in September.  MAPE has approved a social media policy.  Please always be respectful.  The policy is located on the MAPE website.  Rich Ransom is on medical leave and David Hearth is covering for him.  There was a Basic Stewart training in May in Mankato.  Advanced training will be in July. Another Basic Stewart training will be held in August and November as well.  The board has cut down on the number of meetings in holds during the year.  MAPE put together a video to play for management.

1. New Business:  None

1. $10 drawing won by Melynda Ankney

Submitted by 1703 Local Secretary Shannon Marks

**Rush City Meeting**:

Agreed to reimburse time and mileage expenses for the bargaining action in Bloomington, MN on June 18.

$10 drawing winner was Marie Enninga-Wahlquist.

**Pine City Meeting:**

Went over a Unclassified PowerPoint and Negotiations update. The $10 winner was Katie Koppy.