**MAPE Membership Meeting Minutes – Local 1002**

**Region 10**

*January 16, 2024*

*Zoom*

**Roll call of officers:**

Saadia Mohamed, president – present

Jon VanOeveren (JVO)region 10 lead steward – present

Kristine Anderson, treasurer – absent

Holly Andersen, membership secretary – present

Michael Diedrich, MDE meet and confer chair – present

Jackie Blagsvedt, region 10 director – present

Dan Engelhart, MAPE business agent for Local 1002, was also present.

**President Welcome and Announcements**

Saadia said hello as our new local president and expressed looking forward to working alongside everyone. Unions are important to Saadia, and she wants to represent our collective interest. She is hoping to be an advocate for improving working conditions.

Roberto said hello as new local vice president and expressed being very excited for the year to come.

There is still an opening for the local secretary position. Please email Saadia if you are able to do this, even temporarily.

Kristine is joining the Health and Safety committee with Deb Rose. There is another opening for MAPE representation on this committee. Please email Saadia if interested in joining.

**Budget Amendment**

Saadia presented the proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2024.

The local leadership is proposing adding more money to train our current leaders and build up our future leaders. This will help us train a deeper leadership bench, allowing leaders to get together and plan and not have to take vacation time, as well as obtain training.

Maurice Wilson seconded approval of the proposed budget as presented. There was a call for consensus. There were no objections and the motion passed.

**Membership Update**

Membership committee has several things in the works. We will be planning some events for May, around the time that “May Day” is recognized. Stay tuned for updates. If you are interested in joining the membership committee, please contact Holly.

**Steward Update**

JVO made a call for new stewards. Stewards make sure the contract is being enforced for the local and region. Let JVO know if you want to be a steward.

**Business Agent Update**

Dan reinforced that members should bring up workplace issues to the local MAPE leaders. We are unable to work on improving issues that we are not aware of. We want to get ahead of issues as much as possible.

Restructuring MAPE is still on the table and more updates will be coming later on this.

This is a big election year, and we will want to keep political leaders who are labor friendly.

**MDE Meet and Confer Update**

Meet and Confer will be meeting on January 24 with Patty Hand, and the recent issues MAPE has been discussing will be brought up at that time. This includes the reclassification study, telework travel rules, and the accessibility of the new building.

Some members are receiving increased pressure to return to the office. If this happens to you, please let Michael and the Meet and Confer team know. We need to make sure the contract is followed when this is requested.

Please let Michael know if there are other issues meet and confer should be connecting with leadership about.

There is also an increased interest in student loan reimbursement. Our local has always received a firm “no” from agency leadership, saying that it is not in our budget. We are looking into how we can make it part of the budget. If this is a topic of interest for you and you’d like to help in these efforts, please reach out to Liz Vaught (Elizabeth.vaught@state.mn.us)

**Raffle Winners**

Ladonna Mustin

Betsy Blackhawk

**Next Meeting**

February 20, 2024

11:30-12:30

Zoom

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