Local 301 Membership Meeting
September 4, 2018, 12 pm-1 pm, MPCA Lower Level Room
Meeting called to order at 12:00 by President Claflin

**Announcements – Anne Claflin**

* Our local monthly meetings will be held in the DNR Conference Room Lobby through December because the MPCA Board Room will be under construction.
* Labor Day – labor movement discussion and Solidarity Forever rally song. If we all stick together we will do so much better.
* Barb Peichel is our new Membership Secretary
* Jeff Laren (former VP) and Deepa Deawalis (former Membership Secretary) are stepping down from formal leadership positions. Let’s thank them for all there hard work.
* Women’s Suffrage – 98th year memorial for Women’s Suffrage in South St. Paul, where 84 women attended who cast first votes.
* There will be a listening session/small group discussion at our monthly October meeting for contract negotiations. There will also be other listening sessions and opportunities to get involved. We are looking for people that are really passionate about new ideas for our contract.

**Chief Stewards Update – Barb Peichel (filling in for Bill Dunn)**

* There will be a basic steward training Nov. 2nd. We can always use more stewards.
* Paper contracts are available. Let us know if you would like one. It is also available electronically.
* You can always come and talk to stewards if you have questions on contract language/policies. Stewards can help clarify the language, and are here to empower you.

**Other Updates - Anne Claflin**

* Door knocking is a great way to get involved in the election. There are only 17 days before early voting starts, and 63 days until the election. The election directly impacts jobs and we are impacted by politics. Door knocking provides an opportunity to make connections and have conversations.
* MAPE is sponsoring door knocks around in neighborhoods throughout the metro and in greater Minnesota.
* Barb Peichel and Jen Crea talked about their experiences door knocking. They had a great, positive experience. You get training beforehand and an experienced doorknocker will go with you until you feel comfortable on your own. We encourage everyone to try it.
* Question about the Political Contribution Refund.
	+ Anne Claflin – This is a public subsidy agreement. The state will refund the first $50 you give to support state candidates. You get to choose who gets the money and you can do it once a year. More information is available here: [http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/individuals/individ\_income/pages/refund\_f...](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/individuals/individ_income/pages/refund_for_political_contribution.aspx).

**Board Update – Barb Peichel (filling in for Celi Haga)**

* It is extremely important that we all work hard to elect labor friendly candidates. It is an extremely important election year.

**Update – Dave Kamper**

* Discussion of Labor Day and the “real Labor day” – May 1st.
* Union membership is rising in Minnesota
* Janus vs AFSME decision has not put a dent in our union membership.
* We need to continue standing up for each other and supporting one another.
* Missouri recently had a right to work ballot measure and it was rejected 2 to 1.
* Recent poll results showed that 62% of people would like a union, and 12% actually do have unions.
* MAPE will be working with other public sector employers interested in unionizing

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 pm.