MAPE Local 1202

Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 13th, 2020.

Via Go-To Meeting

1. **Meeting was called to order at 12:05**.
2. **Approved meeting minutes from February.**
3. **Approved meeting agenda.**
4. **President’s report (Amanda Anthony).**

A. **Delegate Assembly.**

The Assembly takes place on Saturday, September 19th and will be held online this year due to COVID-19. You can visit the MAPE website to look at the 2020 submitted resolutions. Amanda Anthon, Fatai Alowonle and James Hegstrom will serve as Local 1202 delegates at the assembly.

B. **DOC/ DCT (Special Legislative Session and Layoffs)**

The DOC is closing minimum security facilities in Togo and Willow River. At least 100 employee layoffs are related to this closure. The DOC cites $14 million in budget shortfalls as the primary reason for the prison closures. In the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 21, the legislature adjourned its July Special Session without passing the Dept. of Corrections deficiency funding request of $11.7 million and Dept. of Human Services' Direct Care and Treatment request of $25 million.

C. **Donating to Charity.**

MAPE members have been donating to charities to help local communities and MAPE members as people experience recent economic struggles in the wake of COVID-19.

D. **Basic Steward Training.**

Dan will provide members with an email update on upcoming local steward training.

4. **Treasurer’s Report (Fatai Alowonle).**

A. **The balance as of August is $28,921.02.**

B. **Fatai noted that the local has extra money that we are not using due to no longer meeting in-person he proposed that we investigate giving $200 to paying MAPE members who were laid off starting in August.** Dan is first going to research how many members were laid off before an official motion is made.

5. **Membership Chair’s Report (James Hegstrom).**

A. **Membership percentage is 63.36%.** This amount is below our Pre-COVID-19 numbers. MAPE has a union wide goal of 75% membership. We are currently at 72%.

6. **Introduce new Regional Director (Tess Flom).**

 A. **Update on MAPE investigation into election impropriety.**

Current president, Meghan Dayton, was found to violate election rules and the harassment policy and issued an apology. Election board was found to not be at fault.

B. **There was a complaint on MAPE making a comment on George Floyd related issues without first consulting with the MAPE board.** Moving forward, MAPE will consult with the board before making statements.

C. **The Right to Work Foundation is suing MAPE and AFSME in order to recoup fair share fees.** MAPE and AFSME are joining together to fight this suit.

D**. DOC cut budget and is laying off employees.**

7. **Political Counsel update (Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger).**

 A. **MAPE 2020 political priorities have been identified.** These priorities include protecting the health and safety of members, growing MAPE membership to 75%, and creating a three-year strategic plan.

 B. **Call for MAPE members to help with phone banking.**

8. **BA Update (Dan Engelhart).**

 A. **Update on the legislative sessions which include budget cuts.**

 B. **Reminder of upcoming elections and the call for MAPE members to serve as election judges.**

9. **Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.**