

**Thursday, February 16, 2023. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Meeting location: TEAMS

* TREASURER’S UPDATE – Shannon Thompson
  + Our local has about $20k in bank
  + Donating $500 funds to SEIU food service in Hastings strike fund
  + MAPE has our own strike fund which is separate from the local funds
  + If one union is successful in negotiations/strikes, it helps other unions in their negotiations (including our Union!)
* MEMBERSHIP UPDATE/LABOR NEWS & DISCUSSION – Jim DeLuca
  + Membership
    - Membership continues to go up, but still need to work to improve our membership rate
    - If you have new colleagues, reach out to them and talk with them about membership!
  + Labor News:
    - SEIU food service workers strike:  <https://www.seiu284.org/news/breaking-news-:-hastings-food-service-vote-to-authorize-a-strike!/>
      * Pioneer Press spin on strike: “Hasting’s students get cold lunches as food service workers strike”
      * HarperCollins workers win tentative deal after striking started in November: <https://www.commondreams.org/news/harpercollins-union-deal>
    - Viewpoint: To Change the World, Our Unions Must Change

https://labornotes.org/blogs/2023/02/viewpoint-change-world-our-unions-must-change

* BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ UPDATE - Jackie Blagsvedt
  + Special election happening, list of nominations is on website: <https://mape.org/resources/mape-documents/mape-internal-election-information>
* BUSINESS AGENT UPDATE – Dan Engelhart
  + We are working to continue to build out our contract action team (CAT) which will help show our strength to MMB
  + Will be doing phone banking at MAPE office on 2/28
  + Please sign up for platform and rapid response network to get updates on negotiations
  + Look for upcoming actions during the legislative period as our negotiations begin
* NEGOTIATIONS – Jim DeLuca
  + Please sign on to the platform and talk with people in your work group about signing on! <https://mape.org/platform>
  + We are also reaching out to non-members to get them to join
* OFFICERS NEEDED – Still need new membership secretary/MnDOT M & C chair
* MEET AND CONFER: MnDOT statewide M & C March 1, 2023
  + Will bring up standards for return to office, space utilization in the office, student loan forgiveness, meal reimbursements, MMB engagement survey (framing of teleworking was negative)
  + Opportunities to bring up issues outside of contract negotiations
* NEW BUSINESS
  + Solidarity Saturday is on 2/25: <https://mape.org/news/sampleschedule>
  + Lobby Day is on 3/23: <https://mape.org/capitol-lobby-day>