Local 1601

Date: 9/28/21

Time: 12PM-1PM

Zoom

1) Local 1601 President, Laura Czech called the meeting to order.

2) August 2021 minutes were approved.

3) Introductions

4) Kevin Martini presented the Treasurer’s update. We continue to be in good financial standing. Current 1601 funds are $15,371.54.

5) Chief Steward, Jesse O’ Connor reported no current issues in the region. There is discussion on having steward meetings either via Zoom or in person. Contact Jesse O’ Connor to set this up.

6) 1601 Membership Secretary, Susan Sunde provided a membership update: We currently have 72.92% membership (27.08% non-membership). Our membership drive will likely boost these numbers. Our membership is important to strengthen our bargaining power. Our local membership number is above average over MAPE’s as a whole, but there is room to improve. The local region is determined by the location of the workplace.

7) Regional Negotiations Representative, Don Lucksinger was not present. Local 1601 President, Laura Czech shared the Subcommittee on Employee Relations (SER) will be reviewing our contract Friday, October 1, 2021.

8) Regional Director’s Report: Darren Hage gave updates on the following topics:

* The MAPE contract was passed by members.
* Vaccine/COVID: There is a FAQ section on the MAPE website.

9) Organizing Business agent, Dan Englehart gave the following g updates:

* MAPE contract highlights
  + 3% increase per year for health insurance plans
  + Seniority and steward rights were upheld
  + Positive gains with ER access in greater MN, coverage for 3D mammograms, etc.
  + 2.5% COLA both contract years
  + Some gains for telework, temporary unclassified and equity
  + Clarification of contract language regarding lunch time and breaks
  + SER will hear the contract and may vote. Interim effect may take place if the vote does not occur or if it is a tied vote. Back pay will occur starting from July.
* COVID/Testing
  + Testing mandates were determined by MMB. MAPE did not know about this until the day before this mandate was rolled out. August 24th, there was a formal demand to bargain submitted by MAPE. More information on the FAQ page on the MAPE website. MAPE strives to represent all members and does not take a formal stand on vaccine or testing mandates.
* Issue-based statewide campaigns are upcoming

10) No political council updates at this time.

11) Old business: None

12) Good & Welfare: None

13) New Business: Delegate Assembly debrief can be found on the MAPE website.

14) Gift Card: Darren Mayers won the gift card drawing last year so our winner this month is David Crowell.

15) Next meeting will be held 10/26/21 at 12PM via Zoom

16) Meeting adjourned.