

SCHOOLS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FALL CONFERENCE
SOARING EAGLE RESORT - MT. PLEASANT, MI
OCTOBER 25 - 26, 2008

MINUTES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Chair Diane Holden welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Chairperson Holden recognizes Staff Liaison Kathie Sherrill and introduced Council 25 Staff Representative Nora Grambau of the Flint Office and Council 25 Staff Representative Felicia Hicks of the Warren Office.

Chairperson Holden recognizes Council 25 Regional Vice Presidents in attendance:

Keith January, Region 1
Barb Dauble, Region 3 (*newly elected*)
Chris Vandebussche, Region 3
Dave Brandt, Region 9

Special welcome to Sylvester Austin, newly appointed Chairperson for the Statewide Privatization Committee.

- ❖ As a Civil Service AFSCME worker, he has seen more than 10,000 AFSCME employees reduced to 3,000. Most of these workers are in the mental health area throughout the State.
- ❖ Chairperson Austin requests that members across the State compile information on the privatization efforts in your workplace and communicate those efforts to him.
- ❖ The Statewide Privatization Committee would also like to compile a database for use by all AFSCME members in Michigan. School Districts are not alone in their battles. Many face the onslaught of attempts to lower rising costs by means of privatization. It will take active

communication, newsletters, press releases and letter writing campaigns to be heard and to be effective.

- ❖ Chairperson Austin emphasizes the importance of the MAT Training Program, which is available through the Council 25 Education Department, to educate and mobilize your membership.
- ❖ The Statewide Privatization Committee will hold its first meeting to elect officers and develop direction with the assistance of Staff Liaison Felicia Hicks.

Training centered around three issues most important to members in attendance at the SCC Conference. Led by Staff Representative Nora Grambau, the issues most important were defined as privatization, member apathy and politics.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 2008 Spring Conference were read.

Motion to accept minutes by Bob Willaert (*Local #1664*) and Christine Carr (*Durham*) – Motion passes.

All new attendees were welcomed.

AFL-CIO Representative Brett Gillette speaks on the need to stay focused on the upcoming elections. Believe that your vote makes a difference and people want to know what you think. Representative Gillette donated Obama T-Shirts. The Shirts were raffled and members were proud to wear them.

Conference continues with more group discussions.

SCC - focuses on there most important issues.

Meeting adjourns 4:05 p.m.

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Staff Representative Nora Grambau revisits the three issues most important to the members:

Privatization, Member Apathy and Politics

Members from each group gave their presentation on their compiled group discussions. Staff Nora Grambau will compile all information gathered.

Break 11:05 a.m.

Reconvene at 11:20 a.m.

Raffle: 50 / 50 Felicia Hicks (*Staff*)

Food Basket: Jentien Swartz (*Local #202-Holly*)

Locals were questioning their individual concerns within their own local. Staff Liaison Kathie Sherrill encouraged open discussion within the local and stated this is an excellent communication tool.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Baker (*Local #1664*)

Motion passes: Kim Wells (*Local #64*)

Meeting Adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Vandebussche
Recording Secretary
Schools Coordinating Committee