

AFSCME Local 598 News

Proudly representing Municipal workers in Huntington and Kenova, West Virginia

October, 2005

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President's Report

By Danny Plybon

Some months our meeting attendance is better than others...let's make October (TUESDAY) one of the good months.

We are considering some committees to assist us in representing all Local 598 members and a representative from our state AFSCME Council will be in

attendance. AFSCME is really starting to grow in West Virginia after years of being stagnant. A bigger, stronger AFSCME will result in better contracts and more rights for all.



AGENDA FOR THIS MONTH'S MEETING

- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Officers
- Reading of Minutes
- Reading Correspondence
- Reports of Officers
- Reports of Staff & Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Good and Welfare
- Adjournment (drawing)
- Good discussion...free coffee & sodas

October MEETING

Local 598 Meeting

Date: THIS Tuesday, 10/25/05 (meetings are every 4th Tues)

Time: 5:15 PM *Board meeting prior & City Council after

Where: Local 598 Union Hall (call or ask if you need directions) Huntington, WV

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ONE GOAL REACHED, ANOTHER SET

Charleston, West Virginia

Collective bargaining is not a legal right in this state, but AFSCME Council 77 did not let that stand in its way. The council has reached its goal: 500 new members this year before holding its biennial convention here on Oct. 22.

Ed Hartman, the council's executive director, says the organizing drive that began in April relied on issue-oriented home and worksite visits, targeted mailings, phone calls, e-mails and news updates on its website, www.afscmewv.org. All that despite a small staff and limited budget.

The large majority of the new members are state employees who work in the Division of Highways and Department of Health and Human Resources. A majority of them (315) joined during a 100-day period that ended July 20.

The drive's next benchmark is 750 new members by Council 77's "Legislative Lobby Day" in mid-February 2006. But the endeavor goes beyond organizing: The union will participate in a Public Sector Employment and Employee Relations Commission established last February by Gov. Joe Manchin III (D). The panel will study whether the state should adopt a "meet and confer" negotiating arrangement with its more than 43,000 employees.



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