

MCLC Steering Committee Minutes, February 5, 1997
Howard, Coert, Connie, Brian, Sue, Al, Spike

Next Meeting: Wednes., March 5, 6:30

TC3 Board Room (2nd floor)

1. Resolution on OSHTEP approved. Staff will send to McGowan and Pataki, and to CLCs for their action.
2. Linda Smith and Coert Bonthius will contact Hazard Abatement Board member Ann Marie Taliercio to make sure she's aware of the importance of our health/safety program.
3. Everyone appreciated updated finance report and voted to maintain full staffing for now.
4. Brian reported that Ithaca Paid Fire Fighters Local 737 continue to be upset that they are misnamed on our stationery, and have held off 1997 dues till it is corrected. SC agreed that stationery should be redone. We will, however, wait till May 1 to get a full picture of who is and who isn't a member.
5. SC took responsibility to contact union re dues and delegates, as follows: Coert (200B, Plumbers, UNITE); Al (IBEW 241, Teamsters, Op Eng); Howard (CSEA 605, CSEA 812, Dryden Teachers, Groton Teachers); Sue (CSEA 849); Brian (Cortland FF, CU Police, CSEA 855); Connie (UAW 1326, UAW 1774); Spike (IAM 1765). Carl will ask Carol Simons to follow up with School Dist. Employees.
6. Staff contract was approved unanimously.
7. We will seek Local Initiative Grant (through Marty Luster) for two projects: continued funding for Cortland Workers' Rights Board and some project related to a livable wage campaign in Tompkins County. We need to hold off a bit on the latter proposal till upcoming Justice for All organizing is clarified. Al will represent Labor Coalition at Justice for All meeting, 2/8.
8. Connie, Sue and Coert will jointly chair General Meeting; Connie to introduce Kate (Carl will get bio information). Agenda as on meeting notice, with addition of letter to AFL-CIO supporting call for Solidarity Day III March on Detroit with striking newspaper workers. We will seek to advertise Kate's presentation; Carl will put together flyer and press announcements.
9. John Sweeney and other national labor leaders will be in Ithaca April 16. We have arranged a local labor reception for him in the morning, followed by a march in support of the contract struggle of service and maintenance workers at Cornell (UAW 2300). This is a major opportunity and event, and we should begin to spread the word and recruit participation from rank-and-file from every union. More info to follow.