

ODJFS CHAPTER 2599
General Membership Meeting
July 20, 2023

OFFICERS		P	E	U
President	Damon Neal	X		
V. President	Annie Pleasant-Combs	X		
V. President Medicaid	Jamecia Little	X		
Secretary	Tonya Reese		X	
Treasurer	Ul'Ique Campbell	X		
Asst. Treasurer	Toni Tuck-Newsome	X		
Corresponding Sec.	Janice Amoako	X		

EXECUTIVE BOARD	P	E	U
Valerie Brown		X	
Tyrone Grant	X		
Staci Helman	X		
Lisa Packer	X		
Brandi Potts	X		

Meeting called to order by @ 6:01 p.m. by Damon Neal

Roll Call – Quorum present

Motion to excuse those asking to be excused – No motion was made to excuse those asking to be excused.

SECRETARY REPORT

Motion to accept the Secretary’s minutes as submitted as presented with no corrections, no discussion, made to not read the minutes but to accept them as submitted via email by Ul'Ique Campbell, 2nd by Toni Tuck-Newsome.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER REPORT

Motion to accept the April 2023 treasurer’s report as presented with no corrections, no discussion made by Ul'Ique Campbell, 2nd by Toni Tuck-Newsome.

Motion to accept the May 2023 treasurer’s report as presented with no corrections, no discussion made by Annie Pleasant-Combs, 2nd by Toni Tuck-Newsome.

Motion to accept the June 2023 treasurer’s report as presented with no corrections, no discussion made by Wanda Brown, 2nd by Annie Pleasant-Combs.

Financials:

Ul'Ique advised the members that there was one board poll that was due May 12, 2023 to secure the location of the Chapter Christmas party with catering by Berwick. The motion was approved by the Executive Board. We have secured the location of the Chapter Christmas party that will be held on December 2, 2023 at the Valley Dale Ballroom and catered by Berwick and a security deposit of \$1,250 needs to be paid. The majority of the board voted, 2 did not and the poll passed. The deposit has been paid and checks have been cashed.

Remaining Financial Recommendations:

The Executive Board has approved the remaining chapter expenses from the February 2023 Budget. Motions were made to:

Office Expenses Increased our standing motions to \$1,000 per year.

Labor Night \$700.00 there was a motion already passed at the last meeting.

APRI Convention covering: lodging, registration, lost wages, airfare, per diem, ground transportation, airport parking with the amount not to exceed \$25,000.

OCSEA Convention covering: lost wages, registration, lodging, per diem and parking with the amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Veterans Conference covering: registration, lodging and per diem with the amount not to exceed \$2,500.

Member Incentives: for the year with an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

eBoard and Union Steward Incentives: with an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

Union Shared Donations: with an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

Holiday Party: with an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Audit Expenses: are covered in Office Expenses

A motion was made to approve the remaining financial recommendations for the year of 2023 to be approved by the body by Ul'ique Campbell, 2nd by Toni Tuck-Newsome.

MOTION CARRIED

President's Report

The president has received a lot of calls going and OCSEA is receiving a lot of calls regarding HB 33

He is concerned with the line items that survived in the budget that was ratified and signed by the governor. To his understanding ODJFS/OUIO budget of 65 million dollars for next year has not been restored. To date there has not been a conversation regarding this issue. System issues in OUIO beyond employees control is causing the call volume to increase through the roof. Anybody that worked in OUIO was forced to be on calls today. He said be prepared, they do have the right to manage poorly and they do have an expectation for the employees to do the work, even if that's answering the phones.

Issue 1 – Special election – August 8th. You do not have to wait until August 8th; if you are registered you can go to your county board of elections to vote early. It is important. They are trying to jam down our throats an amendment to our constitution to where we do not have a voice. So if you think things are bad now – Don't vote and don't complain. Basically it's centered on women's rights and it's an opportunity for them to try to control women and their bodies.

We have the baseball game that's coming up for those who have signed up. It's a good time and looking forward to seeing you there.

Vice-President/JFS Report

She just re-emphasized the need to get out to vote on Issue 1. It's not just for union, it's for ALL folks. Tell as many people as possible to out to vote. This is serious.

Vice-President/Medicaid Report

Normally this would be discussed in the stewards meeting but she would like everybody to be aware of the current trend and it's not just happening in her agency. There are other agencies that are experiencing the same thing. There are employees who are logging into their timekeeping system via the internet when they are supposed to be in the office. They are being discovered because their buildings require them to swipe their ID badge either at the door or at a turn style. After these swipes are compared with the login to work there is a discrepancy. This is not a small number of people. This is a large number across several agencies.

For those at Medicaid what she is seeing is our labor relations officers are reaching out to employees advising them that they have to report into the office 5 days a week to work and not giving them an explanation of anything they have done wrong. Management has the right to require us to come into the office to work 5 days a week because our being home 3 days is actually a benefit. It's not a contractual agreement. However, the reason they are doing that is that they suspect the individual of some type of wrong doing and they are investigating them so they make them report to the office during this investigatory period.

State Board Rep – Karen Riker

Topics discussed:

- She thanked everyone who supported her and she did get back on the State Board.
- She also discussed: Issue 1 – vote and stop them in their track
- This Saturday (7/29) District 6 has their picnic at OCSEA from 12-4. There will be prizes, food, face painting, bounce houses and more.
- The upcoming Convention which is the 24th, 25th & 26th
- Negotiations in October - We haven't gotten a date at this point and no hotel information but it will be held here in Columbus where we will pick the negotiations team. We will be notified once they have the information.
- November – Veteran's Convention

President Neal urged the delegates and alternates who will represent Chapter 2599 to please get your paperwork turned in to Ul'lique Campbell so the checks can be written and signed.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

Staci Hellman – stated that she had someone contact her about the possibility of changing agencies. There's supposed to be a new agency being created. She asked President Neal if there was any information in this. He stated that the union has the same information that this person has. There was an email sent out and they immediately inquired with labor because Labor does not know what part. There is a new agency being created and we do not know which agencies will be cannibalized to build that agency (to put it bluntly) We have not been notified of that so we have definitely put out the fire alarm to labor and to our understanding they have not been notified as yet. They have already started Cross Agency Training (CAT). They are still sorting out everything thing

Staff Rep. Jamecia Little added: CATs is a committee that meets on a semi regular basis. It includes the Governor's Office, DAS OCD and the folks they believe can help guide these conversations about what parts and pieces are needed for this new agency. So there is actually no training going on. The people, who got that email, should not have received that email. Those meetings are simply brainstorming meetings and update meetings based off of what they have already come up with and developed. She has been invited to those meetings, however because of the security on the meetings she has not been able to get in. She and Tim Shaffer which is her supervisor have recently been added to the invite list and they will be a part of these meetings moving forward. The parts of JFS that they know are going include parts that deal with certain children benefits and things of that nature. This is the new children agency - parts coming from the Dept of Education, the Dept of Health and the Dept of MH. Right now nothing is final. She stated that the supervisors jumped the gun sending the email inviting them to those meetings that mean nothing to them at this point.

OCD has been put on notice that as soon as they figure out which parts and pieces and which staff that will be assigned to this agency we are supposed to receive notice of that. We have not received that notice yet.

No word yet on possible layoffs and there will probably not be a buyout. She is in constant contact with our president and chief Stewart as well as the Medicaid Vice President about what's going on in the agency.

She has received several phone calls and emails about folks being mandated to work the Ohio State Fair. It has always been on a volunteer basis, however this year they decided that they need extra staff from OUIO with claims knowledge to work the Fair. They have only received 4 volunteers and they need 20. So, people have been mandated to work.

Issue 1 – does deal with women's reproductive rights and it also changes the required majority vote to get a bill passed. Vote NO on Issue 1.

Disability paperwork (FMLA) needs to be filled out properly and have your physician sign it.

Tyrone Grant mentioned that we have been mandated to add a picture to our Outlook. Staff Rep. Jamecia Little advised him to forward the email to her. Toni Tuck-Newsome also stated we were also required to be on video anytime we receive a call. She also advised her to forward that email to her.

Old Business

The Chapter Picnic is coming up. Tonya will send out an email soon. Medicaid VP Jamecia Little did offer to help out wherever is needed.

New Business

Norma Goode gave an update on APRI now had their tickets for the raffle and the patron books and ads and they are asking for our support on this. AFL-CIO on the game night, they are asking the chapters to donate \$250 dollars for the prizes they are giving away. The retirement chapter is meeting tomorrow (7/21) and they are still doing post cards, Diane Bailey did 4,300 text calls on Issue 1 and the last day to mail out post cards if you've taken them - is July 28th. CWA raised \$62,000 in their fund raiser.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Please keep the Radcliff family in your prayers as they go through their healing.

Marsha K with chapter 2545, she lost her daughter so keep her in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Ul'lique Campbell, 2nd by Staff Rep. Jamecia Little at 7:10pm

MOTION CARRIED

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