

NEWSLETTER

Saturday, April 2, 2011

TO: All members of Local 749

FROM: John Ondusko, President

Re: The 3/31 Membership Meeting and more!

I just returned from the 4/2/11 AFSCME conference in Groton where I was able to have quite a different meeting with Gov. Dannel Malloy than the one I had at the Norwich city hall. The meeting was brief, but I was able to convey that there is fat to be trimmed to get the savings that he looking for and that Connecticut state tax payers want. We shook hands and he continued meeting with several other AFSCME members before leaving our gathering.

On the previous day, in Groton, Sal Luciano spoke to a room of our brothers and sisters regarding where we are in the process of attempting to find the needed savings that the Governor is looking for. That process still continues and as of this point, no actual concessions have been put forth. It was apparent to me, that the overwhelming consensus in the room was that any concessions this time would be very hard to swallow! The idea that this could get ugly this time was presented... but I think that most of us already know that.

Any major movement concerning this process will be posted on this website promptly, so keep checking back.

On a somewhat bright note, Thursday, 3/31, a statewide membership meeting was held at the union hall in Meriden. The only major item on the agenda was to present the amendments to the Local's constitution for a ratification vote. We had a houseful of members (close to 50!). Each amendment was presented and voted upon. Some passed, some did not. More info on the meeting will be available after the minutes are approved next month. The Constitution Committee will continue and review the outcome and see if further revisions are warranted.

And last but far from least, Do Not use your work PC to send ***non work related communication***. The Branch / the State owns your PC. Recently, more than a dozen members received discipline for sending / forwarding inappropriate materials by e-mail. HR has made it clear in it's policy and will not tolerate abuse of their network. So be warned and be smart. "Forward" and "Send" may not be your friend!

John O.