Lake Orion Solidarity Meeting

We wanted to be able to have all Lake Orion workers who needed to vent, gather information, plan, and join in Solidarity. The meeting last night was quickly planned and not publicly posted. Twenty five Lake Orion workers did manage to come, talk a little, and organize for the rally and coming struggle. We were supported by a group of retirees, and active workers from other plants who had heard about our situation and came to show support. I know I was really touched by the group that was there.

We knew there are others from Lake Orion who would like an opportunity to meet. We have a retired autoworker who graciously has allowed us Lake Orion people to meet at her house and have the meeting we deserve.

The best time for her and her active worker husband is this Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This is their address:

1700 Peet Rd. (M-57)
New Lothrop, MI 48460

Please spread the word to Orion workers you know. We've actually had to break the news to a few friends that they were going back to a 50% pay cut. They hadn't gone to the meeting and like many on lay off have fallen off the radar.

I am proud to stand with others like Nick and the others I met last night. And Olen Ham. And my husband. And his friends. And many who came before me. People keep asking "Will the next Walter Reuther please stand up?" Look in the mirror. You're Walter Reuther. The guy you work next to every day, who know you better than your own family some days, that's Walter Reuther. We all have to stand up and be what we believe the world should be.

I won't hide behind anything. Others didn't. If Nick can serve in a war, I can do my part, from my kitchen for my family. Thank you, Nick. I will gladly fight next to you and help you organize this struggle.

Dawn Maturen,
wife of Paul Maturen, Local 5960,
proud donater of time and talent to Soldiers of Solidarity,
proud to hand out fliers for Gary Walkowicz,
proud mother of three little boys that I won't stick with this mess

Solidarity!

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