

Minutes of the Autoworker conference call of March 25, 2012

Present: Wendy 235, Martha 859, Dianne 235, Alex 869, Frank 909, Ron 600, Nick 1112, George 12
Judy 600, Scott 551, Brett 1700, Eric 600

AGENDA

Ford contract “reopening”, speak-out on working conditions, Chrysler trades ratification appeal, American Axle, one member/one vote, May 1 event on green jobs, structure and organization committee.

FORD

Discussion of petition for restoration of pay and benefits. 70 signatures in Chicago; five more copies being circulated. Locals 3000 and 892 have the most signatures. Successful walkout last week at a Rouge Plant over health & safety.

SPEAKOUT

Speakout rescheduled for June 24. Proposal for a newsletter; please submit articles. Need plans about meetin at the Labor Notes Conference. Web site domain problem.

CHRYSLER TRADES CONTRACT VOTE

From Solidarity House only one letter acknowledging appeal. We will leaflet meeting of locals’ reps on trades rationalization. Letter to non-Chrysler members also available. “Sixty Minutes” to feature Marchionne.

AMERICAN AXLE

Local 235 plant closed in Detroit. Union sued company over closing agreement. Other plants in .U.S. have local by local negotiations or are without a union.

ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE

We’ll continue discussion of mail ballot vs. voting at union locals; each side to write one paragraph before next meeting. Draft resolution will be ready shortly.

MAY DAY

Report on Occupy Detroit plans for May Day march. Help build for it among autoworkers.

ALSO:

Dianne's lifetime award last night.

NEXT CALL

April 22, 2pm. Agenda to include: one member, one vote; speakout; newsletter; petition for collective bargaining rights and against right to work; energy independence by 2025; Labor Notes Conference; South African metalworkers' union.

Submitted by Ron Lare (ronlare@sbcglobal.net)