

Conference Call Minutes 19 May 2011

Dianne Feeley May 23, 6:53 pm

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Subject: minutes from conference call; next call 6/2/11

Dear SOSers,

Here are the minutes from the most recent conference call.

In solidarity,

dianne

Minutes from Auto Conference Call, 5/19/11
Chair & notetaker: Dianne
Present: Dianne, Frank, Jeanne, Martha, Ron

Agenda:

1. Report on GM plant in Indianapolis (Jeanne)

Two hundred GM workers are left at the Indianapolis plant. Those who have not been transferred as of June 3 will be laid off.

At a minimum 33 trucks a day are emptying contents from the plant and keys are to be turned over to World Wide Company on July 15.

2. Two tier Town Hall (Martha)

Committee of Frank, Al & Martha decided to proceed by pulling together a questionnaire (see below). When the draft questionnaire was put up on the list one person thought it was too open ended. If the purpose of the questionnaire is to find people in the plant who have stories and would like to testify (in person, by video, etc.), then someone working on the town hall could be working with the individual to get it filled out, and this might be valuable. People interested in working on this will have to test it out and perhaps revise.

Certainly a questionnaire that might be distributed more widely would more likely be answered if it were checked off easily. Then the committee could contact the individual for follow up.

Some felt the form was more useful as a detailed questionnaire.

No date has been set for the town hall, but the idea is that the questionnaire can help build for it in the late summer/early fall.

3. Draft for the tentative leaflet (Frank)

This had just been sent out so people agreed to read it over and make comments within the week. Then whatever revisions can be made and sent out to the whole list.

4. Announcement for those in Detroit area:
Saturday, June 4th, 1:30-3:30
Report on Stop Killer Coke & Colombian Free Trade Agreement
with Gerardo Cajamarca Alarcon
US representative for Colombian Food & Beverage Union
(SINALTRAINAL)
&
Gail Presbey
Professor of Philosophy & Director,
James Carney Latin America Solidarity Archives
University of Detroit Mercy
reporting on School of the America Watch delegation to Honduras
Solidarity House, 3rd floor auditorium
8000 E. Jefferson

5. Next meeting: Thursday, June 2nd at 7:30PM
Conference phone number is 641-715-3620, code is 441958#.

Two-tier Questionnaire

1. Describe the basic facts about how the two- or multi-tier pay/benefit structure operates in your work place

2. Describe the impact of the tier structure on you and others in the workforce.

3. How has two-tier impacted your union representation on the job and/or voting rights?

4. What do you want to see done differently and what changes do you want to see?

5. Anything else?

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

1. I am (check all that apply)

Tier 1

Tier 2

Other

Permanent

Temporary

Part time

Production

Skilled trades

Other

Elected or appointed rep (Title) _____

2. I am willing to

have this statement publicized with my name _____ anonymously _____

Give video testimony

Speak at a public meeting on this issue

help arrange a meeting for union members to speak out

campaign to reject union contracts containing 2-tier

other suggestions? (specify)

Name _____

Phone _____ email _____

Employer _____ How many years? _____

Location _____ Union Local # _____

Thank you.

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