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Subject: **minutes of auto conference call 8/23; what next?**

Autoworker conference call Tuesday, August. 23, 2011

Chair: Nick

Minutes: Dianne

Present:

Dianne, UAW 235

Dick, UAW 235

Nick, UAW 1112

Peggy, UAW 1112

Jeff, UAW 3000

Judy, UAW 600

Ron, UAW 600

Steve, UAW 600

Wendy, UAW 235

Agenda: What Next? (After 8/13 forum)

1. Videos

Al has sent Nick the first half of the video shot outside the Warren Stamping plant. He will be sending the second part, and then creating short videos from some of the testimony given at the 8/13 forum. Nick will be posting to the YouTube site and to Facebook & website.

2. Surveys

We now have 55 surveys with more coming in. What should we do with the results?

We have already printed up the results of the first 43 with the agenda to pass out at the 8/13 forum and made sure to give to reporters.

Suggestions:

a. Send out with press releases.

b. Post to website.

c. Send out to the top UAW negotiators for the Big Three. We will send out packets to chairs and VPs in charge of the Big Three Departments.

Dianne will deliver packets with a cover letter on Friday, August 26.

Steve took responsibility for getting the name of the Ford chair, Wendy for the Chrysler chair.

For GM it is John Melton (VP is Joe Ashton), Ford is Joel Goddard (VP is Jimmy Settles), Chrysler is Richard Moruss (VP is General Holifield).

3. Detroit Labor Day Parade

Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 5. President Obama will speak at a rally afterwards but will not be marching.

Agreed to the following proposal:

a. Since Obama will be speaking after the Labor Day rally, Frank suggested we might want to change the direction of our banners to focus more on green jobs. After discussion decided we still wanted to focus on the 2011 negotiations with several banners that would have short slogans on them such as:

Reinstate COLA * Raises not phony bonuses * End 2 tier...the time is now!

We felt one banner could say something like * No plant closings, produce for a green economy

Jeff has one woman who is willing to design banners; we will ask her when she is available and work around her. Nick is going to work on logo that we can use. Wendy will ask Labor Notes if we can use their office one or two evenings to make the banners.

UPDATE: WE HAVE RESERVED THE LABOR NOTES MAIN ROOM FOR BANNER MAKING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AT 4PM AND ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AT 4PM. LABOR NOTES OFFICE IS 7435 MICHIGAN AVENUE, BETWEEN CECIL AND CENTRAL.

We will put out a notice on the web, Facebook, listserves to meet us at a specific place to hold up banners.

b. We will put out a press release which can give more background information, particularly around why we need restoring of COLA and wages not phony signing and performance bonuses, and even provide links. We can include survey updates with it.

Press committee is Wendy, Frank, Dick & Nick.

c. We will see if the back room at the Anchor Bar at 450 W. Fort Street is available for a get together after Obama's speech.

If we are able to secure, will put out 500 half-sheets to invite marchers to join us and advertise meeting via Facebook, listserves & web. UPDATE: WE HAVE RESERVED THE ANCHOR BAR'S BACK ROOM FOR 1PM ON LABOR DAY, 450 W. FORT STREET.

4. Future leaflets

We would like to be able to distribute electronically additional leaflets, particularly around COLA as well as analyze the contract as soon as it comes out for the lowlights. The contract is up Sept. 14 but we hear that the GM tentative agreement may be ready right after Labor Day so our schedule is tight. Much of the material we want to say about COLA and raises will be put together for the press release so we might be able to adapt.

Most important is to get an analysis of the tentative agreement!

We see that Gary Walkowicz has produced three short leaflets: No Wage Increase Means A Wage Cut, We have to make this a real strike vote! And If we don't get rid of 2-6tier, we will all be 2nd tier one day. They are geared to Ford workers. They are short, snappy leaflets and we should publicize them.

Agreed that we need to meeting ASAP after Labor Day, although if we are able to have a meeting at the Anchor Bar, we can be discussing what next there.

Our next conference call will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7PM. Call in number is 641-715-3620, code is 441958#.