

## Membership Meeting May 20,

2008

All Officers present except Vince attend a meeting at Fairview Park  
Patrick led the invocation and pledge

Membership meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted

Financial Statements were reviewed and accepted

Cacci read the minutes of the Executive Board meeting and they were approved

**Officers Reports:** William reported that GNI has more contractors than employees and schedule changes seem to be arbitrary but do allow for training of contractors, replacement workers, and scabs on off tours. He reported that the at&t mobility contract expires February 2009

Travis reported that the Local's new web site will be fully operational within 2 weeks. He reported on a safety issue where management did not follow known 1<sup>st</sup> Aid rules, possibly endangering one of our members in the process.

The Safety committee will recommend that all Management be retrained in 1<sup>st</sup> Aid. Safety Rodeos will be held May 20, 21 and 22 at the Fordson garage.

Richard reported that 80 to 90% of FiOS techs didn't meet their productivity #s. Grievances are being filed and everyone that did not meet the objective is urged to file a grievance. The percentage of copper techs not meeting the objective is also very high.

Patrick agreed with Richard, reemphasizing the need to file grievances.

**President's Report:** Stacie reported that Verizon is considering replacing the UTB-R and is attempting to gain volunteers to trial their new test.

Future Link can assist interested members in obtaining skills needed for additional qualifiers on the PED form. She read an article from the Fairfax Times blasting Verizon for the disruptions caused in Burke when the FiOS network was being placed. Proving that Verizon's use of contractors is bad business and makes for bad press. She reported on the NLRB charge regarding the FiOS lateral log, expert care for high speed customers. She urged everyone to take Mobilization flyers and Health Care For All cards with them to their work places. The EISP list from April has been provided to the Local. There has been another EISP offer made to COT's at Fairview Park. The Bargaining team will return to the table on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Currently, the team is concentrating on our work and who will be doing it in 8 to 10 years. Discussion was held about the inability of VCSI techs to transfer into the CORE. UNITE-HERE is asking all Union members to boycott the

Crystal City Hilton, as they have failed to bargain a new contract. Fairpoint has extended the existing contract with CWA for 5 years, giving 350 represented workers a successorship clause.

**Unfinished Business-** none voiced

**New Business:** 19 applications for membership were read and all were accepted. Kevin Carey advised that the ACFC is providing a financial tool kit to those interested. Another drawing was held for the Al Fravel scholarship as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the applications were left in Annandale for the 1<sup>st</sup> drawing. Per membership consensus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> winner will be awarded the same amount of \$659.75. Ricky Jones won the drawing.

**Good and Welfare:** Kevin Carey won the 50/50 drawing worth \$8.00. Garnett Chaney would have won the Old Faithful drawing, worth \$1,250.00, had he been present. Congratulation to Fred James on the birth of his daughter. Get well wishes to Mike Rusnick. Condolences to Gwen Templeton, loss of father, to Manny Santamarina and to Martina Sykes on the loss of their mothers and to Jeff Williams on the loss of his father in law. Jerry Rickart requested a moment of silence for the victims of the China earthquake and the Burmese cyclone.