

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Chapter 1804, Cuyahoga Highways
September 7, 2011

Call to Order 4:36 p.m.

Roll call of Officers present: Mike Gerstenslager, Fred Collier, Jackie Salters, Jill Powers, Denny Woldin and George Wagner

Excused Officers: Tom Sorge. Quorum declared.

Pledge of Allegiance by Dale Z.

There was discussion as to say this was an informational meeting or a chapter meeting. Since there was a quorum, this is an official meeting.

Meeting suspended to entertain the guest speaker, Ms. Kameahle Carpenter, concerning SB5/Issue 2 and HB 194. She discussed voting early, absentee and getting the word out about voting NO on Issue 2. She spoke about the Friends and Family program contacting your group within the Friends and Family – you will be in contact with 10 people and you will be responsible to make sure the 10 people either vote early or vote on Election Day. Please sign up.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

The meeting minutes were handed out from the last Chapter 1804 meeting, which was on May 25, 2011. The body reviewed the meeting minutes from the last chapter meeting. The treasurer report was also handed out with the body reviewing the treasurers report. The checks reviewed were from 1567 thru 1594. The beginning balance is \$6,809.96 and the ending balance is \$5,474.72 with all bills paid to date, subject to audit. This balance included \$4.58 of petty cash. Discussion in having a holiday party but the body felt that with SB5/Issue 2 being so critical that we should not have one. Curtis Malone made a motion to accept the treasurers/meeting minutes and second by Jackie Salters. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Gerstenslager spoke about the convention. Voting for a new OCSEA President was performed with a new president in office – Chris Mabe. He is a 23 year union member. He was the OCSEA vice-president before he became president. He requested to keep Eddie Parks on till after election in November, 2011 because of SB 5/Issue 2. At the conversion, over \$129,000 was raised thru donation of the chapters that were there pledging for SB5/Issue 2. Chapter 1804 pledges \$500.00. AFSCME doubled the donations from all the chapters. Kelvin Jones is the Vice-President. President Gerstenslager spoke about voting - critical in November so tell your neighbors/friends/family NO on SB5/Issue 2. Mentions that the director, Jerry Wray, will be here on October 6, 2011. There was mention of combining Independence and Cleveland Garages into one building located off of Harvard Road – RTA old building. There was discussion about the EEO position. Discussion about the vending machines at Cleveland Garage. Facilities will be told about the problem. Motion to accept the Presidents report by Fred Collier and second by George Wagner. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT:

Lawrence McKissic talked about the convention and the new OCSEA President. He ask that the chapters hold off about spending money on SB 5/Issue 2 till clarification from staff/OCSEA as to what the chapters can spend money on. He stated that it was good how all the chapters/assemblies came together at the convention in unity to support this fight on SB 5/Issue 2. Stated that absentee voting will be the best way to vote on Nov 4, 2011. You may not have a chance to make to the polling area so if you can vote absentee, please do it.

House Bill 314 was discussed which limits the amount of wages public employees will be allowed to earn.

House Bill 317 was discussed which freezes hiring public employees till a 10% cut in public employees are reached.

Note on September 6, 2011, all the house/senate received pay increases when public employees take cost savings days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic plan was rolled out to all District 12 employees. Discussion about lane miles and personnel. Design Build proposal went out. 65 miles of new storm sewer was installed but never connected. This is federally funded. On federally funded projects, public employees should be inspecting.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Big walk in Cleveland, if you can walk please come out.

Drawing for the 5 - \$20.00 gas cards. Winners are as follows:

Christine Susi, Denny Woldin, Fred Collier, George Wagner and Omar Parker.

Drawing for the 5 – One in a Million Shirts. The winners are as follows:

Mike Goodwin, Lori Scarmuzzi, Curtis Malone, Jackie Salters, and Darrel Greene.

Jackie Salters moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Secretary excused, Jill Powers recorded meeting minutes.