

Greetings 3937! This week we have some words from our VP, several upcoming events, and a call to political action.

VP Corner

Good Afternoon, Local 3937:

Happy 25th Anniversary!

This year marks the 25th anniversary of AFSCME Local 3937. This is an important milestone for us. Twenty-five years is a long time for an organization to survive. We've seen a lot of change from then until now, the world has changed, University Presidents have come and gone, we have Facebook now. Important stuff.

One of the main things that's changed over the years, is that when this Local started, I've been told our members were making the same hourly wage as students. Today, none of our members make less than \$15.29 to start. That's in our contract. It's what we've won for all of us in negotiation after negotiation. Now, you might not see that as an important victory considering Minneapolis has passed a similar minimum wage, and St. Paul is considering the same. However, what you might not know is that the University of Minnesota is exempt from those laws, even in Minneapolis. And, if you hire students like I do, you know that the University is still paying them at just over half that... and they have no plans to increase it.

This means if we hadn't organized twenty-five years ago, we'd probably still be making what the students make, and we'd still be making \$9.65 an hour, not \$15.29.

So, join me in thanking everyone that's come before us in this Local for all the hard work they've done over the years to make our current contract a reality. Thank them when you see them in your offices and thank them when you see them at Local events. Also, we're also planning an anniversary party for later this year where we'll be honoring past local activists and leaders, so be on the lookout for more information on that as well.

Thank you,

Robert Francis
Vice-President of Organizing
AFSCME Local 3937

We are expecting that we might hear the Supreme Court decision on Janus v. AFSCME today or possibly Monday. Check [Council 5's page](#) or our social media for the latest information.

Join Minnesota AFL-CIO's working families as we walk in the [2018 Ashley Rukes LGBTQ Pride Parade](#) this year! Bring your fellow union members, wear your union's banners and colors and let's march!

We are unit number 127 and will line up on the south end of third street between 4th and 5th Avenues starting at 10:00am!

Political candidates must have their own parade unit separate from ours.

from MN AFL-CIO's Facebook event

Join us for [Week Six of the Minnesota Poor People's Campaign: A New Unsettling Force!](#)

Join us for a rally where we'll hear from clergy, representatives of communities most impacted by militarized policing, and advocates for more humane and loving alternatives.

Location: The People's Plaza, between the Minneapolis City Hall and the Hennepin County Government Center

Partners: Center for Prophetic

Imagination; The Rye House

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from MN PPC's Facebook event

You Gotta Fight for Your Right to Vote

Powerful right-wing interests are continuing to weaponize a fabricated epidemic of voter fraud in their assault on Americans' voting rights.

Yesterday, five justices sided with a wrong-headed law designed to deny targeted citizens' constitutional right to vote. By inviting these deep-pocketed groups to continue their assault on voting rights, the Supreme Court has opened a floodgate of attacks on our democracy.

Ohio's voting restrictions—some of the most extreme in the country—begin the purging process if a voter misses one federal election cycle. If they miss a single mailed notice, their registration is then slated to be purged in four years.

This extreme, unwarranted effort already has blocked tens of thousands of Ohioans from voting. With the court failing to protect our right to vote, it's time for working people to double down and continue fighting for our collective voice. With right-wing forces as ambitious as ever, it has never been more important for the labor movement to mobilize and fight back.

[Read more at NPR](#)

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[Sign the Petition](#)

Remember every Friday is a new opportunity to show your support for the union with a little bit of fun. Wear something green this Friday! Take a selfie or have a friend take a picture and post it to our [Facebook event](#), the most interesting or creative selfie will win a prize! Show us your green socks, shirts, pants, ties, lanyards, lipstick, earrings, or scarves!

Save The Date

Steward meeting

- 2nd Wednesdays: July 11

Organizing meeting

- 3rd Wednesdays: June 20th

Membership meeting

- 4th Wednesdays: June 27 (E-board meeting at 5:15 pm immediately followed by membership meeting)

All at 5:30pm in Suite 356

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