

Greetings 3937! This has been a challenging news week, but we are up to that challenge. Scroll down for information about the Janus v. AFSCME decision, photos from last night's rally in response, some words from our VP, several upcoming events including On Fridays We Wear Green- more important than ever this week! and more...

Message of the Day—Our Future Is in Our Hands

America's [workers are marching and joining together](#) as we haven't seen in generations, and [the labor movement's popularity is climbing](#), which is why the U.S. Supreme Court's [decision](#) yesterday in Janus v. AFSCME is so out of touch and another ugly example of corporate overreach to rig the economic rules against working people.

As [AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said today](#), "We have never depended on any politician or judge to decide our fate, and we aren't about to start now."

Five justices on the Supreme Court just did away with four decades of commonsense precedent, further rigging the economic rules to benefit powerful corporate interests at the expense of hardworking Americans.

It won't slow us down. Janus was far from the first corporate attack on working people, and it certainly won't be the last.

We will stick to what we do best. We're organizing, marching, voting and leading a revolution to demand what's rightfully ours.

A wave of collective action is sweeping the country on a scale that we haven't seen in years. Workers, [especially young people](#), are signing union cards by the tens of thousands. Meanwhile, our movement's [approval rating](#) has surged to a nearly two-decade high.

Here's the truth: Our future is in our hands. Working people are on the rise, and no amount of dark money or corporate lobbying can change that.

from yesterday's Labor Wire

VP Corner

Good Afternoon, Local 3937:

I'm sticking with my Union and so should you.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court ruled on the Janus v. AFSCME case. As expected, it did not go our way. I've written on this before, and others have written on it better than I have. See the links above. However, the basic explanation is that this is a political attack to weaken our membership base and destabilize our funding. This is all in an effort to pay us less and strip us of our benefits. It's that simple.

The good news is that the solution is also simple. If you're not a member, become a member. If you are a member, talk to one coworker, TODAY, about becoming a member. The instructions are at the bottom of this article. You can go online or call. Either way, it shouldn't take more than a few minutes of your time.

If you want to do more, get involved. Come to a meeting. Come to another meeting if you've been to one already. Volunteer with us. We have a whole list of volunteer opportunities on our website. Wear green on Friday.

If you don't like what the Supreme Court has done this week, getting involved, or more involved, with our Local is the one thing you can do today to fight back and say that you will not be exploited...that you will not work unpaid overtime, that you will not answer emails at all hours of the night, that you deserve bathroom breaks and sick time and a weekend. Because that's what's at stake here. They want to take those dignities from us.

Fight back. Get involved today!

In Solidarity,

Robert Francis
Vice-President of Organizing
AFSCME Local 3937

To become a member you can sign up over the phone by calling our Member Action Center at 651-450-4990 or online at www.afscmemn.org using the instructions below. IF you are not certain, call 651-450-4990, and they will take your information. You will only have dues withdrawn once no matter how many times you sign a card.

MemberLink (right side near the top)

Click "Sign up now"

Create Login

After logging in go to "Forms"

Public/PEOPLE Member Card

Fill out the fields with contact information

Donating to our separate political PAC that advocates for Minnesota Public Workers

Click "Next"

Confirming that the PDF of their membership card is correct.

Signing in the one or two boxes below. (Depending on a PEOPLE donation.)

Click "next" Then you're done!

Photos from the Emergency Response to Janus Decision Rally

Red Alert! Wear Green!

Wear something green this Friday! This is the week to be in on this--to show you are sticking with your union after the Janus decision, to support our

negotiating team, to show solidarity with your co-workers. Take a selfie or have a friend take a picture and post it to our [On Fridays We Wear Green 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!

This is an easy way to take action to support workers' rights, but if enough of us do it, it is POWERFUL.

Conference call with President Lee Saunders

The call to discuss the Janus Decision will happen TODAY, Thursday June 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm Pacific, 8:30 pm Eastern, 7:30 pm Central.

If you have not received a call announcing this call, then you can call in by dialing 1-888-400-1932 at 7:29 to be accepted into the call. This impacts us and our jobs and is extremely important. I have not experienced a nation-wide conference call with thousands of people, so this will be a first for me. I hope to learn many from Minnesota were on the call.

Mary Austin, President AFSCME
Local 3937

[AFSCME Council 5 Family Picnic](#)

The annual rank-and-file picnic for AFSCME members, families and our allies is on August 19 from 1-5 pm at Battle Creek Regional Park in Maplewood. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share.

adapted from Council 5's Facebook event

Hold the Date!

Tuesday, August 21 for AFSCME
Local 3937 's 25th Anniversary
Party, more details to come.

Are you a new employee to the University of Minnesota? Were you hired between June 1, 2018 and August 31st, 2018? If you answer yes, then you need to go in and take the Wellness Assessment - by answering those questions to the best of your ability, you will receive \$500 off your insurance premium over the 2019 benefit year! It is well worth your time. You can find the assessment on the landing page when you log in to your [Red Brick Health Account](#).

Save The Date

Steward meeting

- 2nd Wednesdays: July 11

Organizing meeting

- 3rd Wednesdays: cancelled for July due to International Convention

Membership meeting

- 4th Wednesdays: July 25 (E-board meeting at 5:00 pm immediately followed by membership meeting)

All at 5:30pm in Suite 356

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Our home page has more information and resources such as steward contact information. Find the most current version of our contract here.

Like us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter, we post a variety of labor related items daily as well as breaking news that affects us.

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