



## Greetings 3937!

We hope the week has treated you well. In the newsletter today we have some reminders, some words from our Vice President, and a recap of the weekend's event, the Work People's Day of Action.



Happy Hour is today (3/1) too! After watching the State of the U address, consider coming to the bar for a drink and good conversation with fellow members! From 5-7pm we will meet at Blarney Pub and Grill in Dinkytown.

## TODAY

Today is TODAY! You are here today, and one last time, we have a strong presence to show on this issue just in case you don't have buttons and stickers. Please make sure that you be there at the meeting (and wear green if you can).  
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<https://www.facebook.com/afscme3937/>

The address for Blarney's is: 412  
14th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN  
55414

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## Day on the Hill 2018

AFSCME's Day on the Hill is March 20th! Meet with your legislators and tell them about the union issues that matter to you!

If you would like to go, let your supervisor know your intentions in order to get approved for the day. The union pays lost time (meaning you still get paid without having to use any vacation or sick time) and will pay for lunch.

If you are interested, you can sign up at the Council 5 web page at: [afscmemn.org/](http://afscmemn.org/) Look under "Politics" and "Day on the Hill" to sign in. Please also let us know you have signed up (or if you have any questions regarding the experience or the sign up process) at [afscme3937@gmail.com](mailto:afscme3937@gmail.com).

It is a lot of fun, you get to meet your legislators, fellow AFSCME people, and walk around the Capitol all while being paid for your time!

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Good Afternoon, Local 3937:

Last week, I wrote about the University's planned closure of the University of Minnesota Child Development Center (UMCDC). That night, President Kaler made a phone call where he said, "he decided to postpone the closing of the CDC," with the official announcement going out the next day. So, this week, I'm writing to say... this announcement was only the beginning and we still have a lot of work to do.

Essentially, very little has changed. The University and President Kaler still plan to close the

UMCDC. They still plan to replace our highly skilled teaching staff with more cost friendly, and lower skilled workers. Even the timeline may not have changed, as the main push behind the closure was a whole other project that they still want to complete in the same timeframe.

So, while we're on the right track, we need to make sure we stay on it. That means we move forward like nothing has changed. We continue to stand together. We continue drawing that line in the sand, that says, we refuse to let this closure set a precedent and model that the University can use to take away all of our jobs. We continue telling the University that they cannot replace us with lower skilled workers just to cut costs. And we continue standing behind the UMCDC... because the next announcement still might be about us.

In Solidarity,

Robert Francis

Vice-President of Organizing

AFSCME Local 3937



Don't forget! 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!

**On Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018**, thousands of working people and our allies gathered across the country to stand up for our freedoms and demand an end to a system that's rigged against us. We will continue to rise up and fight. Fight for the freedom to come together in strong unions. Fight for equitable pay. Fight for affordable health care. Fight for quality schools. Fight for vibrant communities. Fight for a secure future for all of us.

When we join forces and stick together, we are unstoppable. Read more about the Working People's Day of Action at <http://afscmemn.org/wpdoa2018>. View all the photos on our Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/afscmemn/sets/72157693137693814/>

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### **No-charge tax preparation**

The UMN provides a FREE tax service to employees who make less than \$54,000/year. The Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VTAP), a student-run service organization, prepares tax returns at no charge for University of Minnesota faculty, staff, and students. The program is fast, safe, and IRS certified. [Learn more and schedule an appointment at Vtap.org >](#)

## **Save The Date**

### Steward meeting

- 2nd Wednesdays: March 14th

### Organizing meeting

- 3rd Wednesdays: March 21st

### Membership meeting

- 4th Wednesdays: March 28th (E-board meeting at 5:15pm immediately followed by membership meeting)

*All at 5:30pm in Suite 356*

[312 Central Avenue SE,](#)

[Minneapolis, MN 55414](#)

### Game Nights

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March 22nd location TBD

April 26th location TBD

Know of a good location? Let us know!

### Happy Hours

March 1st Blarney Pub and Grill from 5-7pm in Dinkytown (see above section)

April 5th location (this time we would like to do somewhere on West Bank!)

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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](#).

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*submitted in solidarity by AFSCME Local 3937 leadership, edited by Diana Rico, Organizer*

