

## CCCFT Steering Committee Meeting 4/14/17 – 12-1:00 – CC3-234

In attendance:

Greg Campbell, Dave Shapiro, Paul Glezen, Jared Leising, Gail Alexander, and Karen Strickland (guest)

Agenda Items and Discussion:

### 1. Plans for May 1

We discussed what our local would like to do on May 1 to represent organized labor and there was some agreement among those present that we would like to do something that would provide a clear message and that would also not involve too much additional work, as many are feeling some fatigue and lack the capacity to organize much more at this time of year.

One idea that we will enact involves passing out buttons for our membership to wear that say “#standtogether” which represents solidarity on a number of fronts. We also discussed Richard Burton being on campus to assist with this in some way.

Additionally, we discussed supporting Shoreline’s local, and the numerous events they have planned for this day; however we need to contact their leadership to learn more.

### 2. AFT-WA Convention planning

We discussed who would like to attend this year’s convention, which will be held May 19-20 at the Silver Reef in Ferndale. We have budgeted to send up to eleven people, and currently four members have expressed interest. We would need to know before April 29<sup>th</sup> (the registration deadline) if more members want to attend. Dave will be sending out another email asking faculty if they are interested.

At the convention there will be a formal vote to increase per caps, which would raise the monthly dues for each local; however CCCFT has already raised our dues in preparation for this, and no CCCFT member would be paying any more because of this AFT proposal. All extra funds that we would pay would come from our reserves, which could amount to almost \$200 month.

### 3. Discussion with Karen Strickland, AFT-WA president

Karen updated us on issues, local and national, that included the impact of an upcoming Supreme Court decision on agency fees. She also mentioned that we will get COLAS in 2017 and 2018 (starting on July 1 each year). Karen inquired about success in bargaining for local funds and we explained that it’s something we haven’t pursued because of the transparency with Cascadia’s budget process.

Karen shared a number of events and opportunities with us, including The Jackson Street Workers Mural Unveiling Ceremony and Block Party (4/30); The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual North Puget Sound Conference on Race at Everett Community College (4/22); and resources on Civil Disobedience, Student Debt, and Scholarship Awards.

### 4. Other items from the floor

We discussed when to hold our next General Membership meeting and a couple of ideas people seemed to support included an end of the year gathering off campus or during summer.

Additionally, we discussed strategies to rally support and interest from our membership, which included partnering with the TLA around some workshops that Karen shared with us, specifically on Student Debt, for example, offering a co-sponsored event. Dave was going to follow-up on this.