

THE LOCAL LINE

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On behalf of the Local's Executive Board, I would like to wish all our members a happy, healthy and safe holiday season

No Quorum for October or November meetings

There was no quorum for our October membership meeting. There was also no quorum when we met for the November membership meeting. We have around 1,200 members. In October Out of the 17 attendees, only 5 members who were not stewards or officers showed up. We needed at least 20 members by 3:00 pm in order to hold the meeting and conduct business. In November, out of the 19 attendees, only 6 were not stewards or officers. Where was everyone else?

No business could be

conducted.

In October, there was important business that needed to be discussed during our membership meeting. We needed to pass a budget for 2025. With no meeting in December, we were then required to pass a budget during our November meeting. Now, because we did not have a meeting in October or November, we could not pass a budget and technically, cannot pay our bills in January, as no money has been budgeted.

Where are the gift cards?

When I visit facilities I am stopped by members asking where their gift cards are. I have been asked why the Local decided not to give them out this year. We did not decide not to give out gift cards this year. We tried to pass the motion in October but we could

not due to their not being a quorum. We again tried to pass the motion in November. Once again the lack of a quorum kept us from conducting any Union business and therefore, no motion could be made or voted on. We will try again in January.

January Meeting

Our membership meeting for January will be at 2:30 pm on Sunday, January 12. Our Union building is at 194 W. Lake street in Elmhurst.

I goofed

In my last floor spread I wrote that the form for filling out a safety hazard was an 1187. That was a typo. The actual form is a 1767. I apologize for the error. This was politely brought to my attention by the Plant Manager at Carol Stream.

Palatine ATM.

A few months ago, the ATM machine at Palatine was removed by management. Rumors were going around saying that the removal of the ATM was due to management not wanting it there anymore. When I heard of the removal, I contacted the Plant Manager. He informed me that the ATM was removed due to being broken. He told me the machine was going to be repaired or replaced. Every couple of weeks I checked back with him to find out the progress of the repair. Each time I was informed that it was still going to be repaired, but no time frame could be given. The week before Thanksgiving I again inquired on the ATM and was told it would be back soon. With Thanksgiving coming up, I was told it would be back the following week. On Friday of the following week I was at Palatine. I saw the ATM was still not there. I went to see the Plant Manager but he was out of his office. On Monday the 9th I ended up having to email him regarding the ATM. He emailed me back and said the ATM was not

under contract with the facility and that they were under the impression that Citibank would be replacing it, which has proven to be a challenge. He wrote that they are still working with Citibank to achieve this, and that if they are unwilling to replace the ATM, they (Palatine management) will explore other options.

The ATM had been at Palatine for as long as I can remember. The members use it and rely on it. I myself have used it many times. We will keep checking with management (and pestering them) until this situation is resolved.

A.O.s

I have been made aware that employees from some A.O.s are being utilized at other A.O.s on Sundays. This takes work (and pay) away from the Clerks at our A.O.s. If management is bringing in employees from other offices, please let us know so we can file grievances and protect your work.

PTFs

We have been made aware that management is also bringing PTFs over from small offices to work in Level 21 and

above offices. This is another violation of the contract. Per the contract, management is forbidden from employing PTFs, in the Clerk craft, at Level 21 and above facilities. When this happens it takes work, and pay, away from the Clerks at the facility. We can only grieve what we know about so when this happens, we need witness statements.

Getting ready to retire?

If you are like me, you probably are looking forward to the day you retire. No more getting up at ridiculous hours. No more going home after midnight. No more being required to work holidays. No more having to deal with postal nonsense. When you retire, you can still stay involved with the Union. We have a Retiree's Chapter that you can join. It's only \$36.00 a year or \$3.00 a month. The President of our Retiree's Chapter is Bob LaFoe (ex-Palatine Maintenance) and they have regular meetings to keep you informed of what's going on with the Retiree's. Ask us for the paperwork to join when it's time to retire.

Work safe. Be safe.

