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| **April Membership Meeting Recap** |

**By Scott Godshaw**

            The membership meetings were held on April 19, 2001 at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. sharp, respectively, at the AMF Bowlero.

            A motion was made under application for membership when a new member Dennis Schueller was accepted unanimously.

**Reports**

            Vicky Black read the Trustee Report at both meetings. Joe Chambers, in his Financial-Secretary-Treasurer Report, said there were 1,917 dues paying members at Brigg's and 443 dues paying members at Strattec for a total of 2,360 in March.

**Communications**

            There was a thank-you letter from United Way of Waukesha.

            AFL-CIO  Housing Investment Trust (HIT) will be holding a HIT HOME - Homebuying Fair which is an exclusive event for union members and their families. This event will be held at Serb Hall located at 51st and Oklahoma on Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

            The Wisconsin State AFL-CIO and the Wisconsin Labor History Society will be holding their 115th Anniversary Commemoration of the Bay View Tragedy on Sunday, May 6th at 3:00 p.m. at the State Historical Marker grounds.

            A motion was made and passed to continue our affiliation with the State Historical Society at an annual cost of $45.00.

            A motion was made and passed regarding recognition for retirees. A retiree will receive a gold metal identification card complete with name and dates of service. The cost will be $2.38 a card, plus $4.00 engraving charge, plus shipping.

            Ribbons and stickers were distributed for Worker's Memorial Day, April 28th.

**Reports of officers**

            President Greg Gorecki reported on Brigg's sending a letter to the Union requesting "Good Faith" negotiations for a successor contract. Nine dates are scheduled at this time, with a tentative ratification vote on July 8th. The Bargaining Committee was successful in reaching agreements on several grievances slated for arbitration. Production is still stagnant. There was another WARN notice. A standard of conduct (New Work Rules) may be implemented soon. A meeting was held regarding skilled trade and outside contracting work. At Strattec, negotiations got off to a slow start. A contract will be mailed to members prior to the May 20th ratification vote.

            Other reports and updates were given by Grievance Representatives, Jesse Edwards, John Nalepinski, Mike Merrill and Barb Schueller from Briggs. Strattec Grievance Representative Karl Schneider and Bargaining Committee member Dennis Nowak gave reports on events happening at Strattec.

            Tom Bishanell, our Union Compensation Analyst, gave a quarterly report on time study and job evaluation grievances from both companies.

            Ross Winklbauer reported on the Families for Justice Rally at Zeidler Park.

            No discharged members were present at the meetings.