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American Federation of Government Employees

Council of Prison Locals C-33

Local 1034

FCC Pollock, La.



Thursday, September 04, 2014

The regularly scheduled Union Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 at the FCC Pollock Training Center beginning at 4:30 PM.

The Union E-Board will be at the yearly National Convention in Hollywood, Florida next week. This location was chosen by our National Union Council. We will be taking our locals votes and conducting the business of our local on the national level. Usually at these meetings it is brought up to raise the dues of our members. I assure you that our local will be voting not to raise the dues and I believe that will be the consent of the Council as well. During this week we will receive much needed training and we hope to have a Stewards training before the end of the year.

Just in the past few weeks, locally we have been conducting hearings in our Portal to Portal arbitration and it is going well and as planned to date. Numerous staff have been used as witnesses and many more are scheduled to attend the hearings giving your testimony of personal experience. We have at least 3 more weeks of hearings scheduled.

We are also awaiting rulings of several other arbitrations dealing with overtime bypass and awards for evaluations etc. These are two big cases that involve hundreds of staff throughout the complex.

Also, we have favorably settled numerous cases for multiple staff who had faced discipline or who were owed money in some manner from violations of Master Agreement as well as old cases that were dealt with through changes with the administration and practices we now are accustomed to that are better for the staff.

We will be having a Partnership meeting here locally with our Stewards and with Management in the near future to help continue to help built a bridge between the Union and Management in order to come together as the Master Agreement states. Hopefully these meetings will be taken seriously by both the Union and by Management as we are committed to whatever means necessary to represent the body properly and within the Law, and to have a better working relationship with management in a way that represents your betterment and not for personal agendas anyone may have.

Most of you probably remember me giving a presentation in ART this past year dealing with Stab Vests that will become mandatory for you to wear in certain areas. I am attaching the pending Policy that is out for 30 day review in all institutions right now. The policy is not in effect as of yet but please send your T-Shirt size to the POL/Vest email box in order for your proper size to be ordered. The exact date of the rollout of the vests and when it will become mandatory has not yet been set. Take time and read the pending policy and it may answer some of the questions you have been having about it.

I want to personally thank you who have supported your Union and each other and who have given

your input and time in making this a better and safer workplace for you and for generations to come.

As always, we invite you to come out to the meetings where we conduct our internal union business. There will be food and drinks for members attending the meeting.

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