



April 2012

AFT 6049 Oklahoma News

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Upcoming Dates

April:

• Membership Meeting:

-Saturday, April 28th, 9:00am in union office.

• Building Representative training:

-Tuesday, April 17th
-Tuesday, April 24th
5:30pm in union office

May:

• Building Representative training:

-Tuesday, May 15th 5:30pm in union office

• Contract Negotiations Training:

-Saturday, May 12th 9am-5pm in union office

Contact the office with any questions or to request details about training dates.

New Constitution Ratifies!

On March 29, 2012, members attending the AFT 6049 Oklahoma union meeting at Bell Elementary overwhelmingly ratified a new and updated Constitution for your local. This was the first step in the process of rejuvenating your local union and putting into place a guideline for your local union to operate by. This document provides detailed guidelines for the officers and Executive Board members to use as they move your local forward. It also provides those same guidelines for the membership to keep a watchful eye on their local to be sure decisions are being made in their best interests.

Members who worked on this document as it was being updated include Paul Lindsey, Ed McIntosh, Keymah Muhammad, Doug Franklin, Willye Jones, Nellie Mackey, and William Baker. A big thank you is in order for each of these individuals for giving some of their personal time and effort to help move this local forward and to make it stronger for all of the members.

If you are a member of AFT 6049 Oklahoma and have not yet received a copy of the new Constitution or Collective Bargaining Agreement (it was sent last week in the school mail) please contact your local union office and we will get one to you.

Also at the March 29 meeting, an Elections Committee was selected by the members to oversee all elections for your local. Those selected were Suzanne Wagner, Julie Hale and Doug Franklin. This Committee, along with other committee members will be meeting on April 5th to begin the process of mapping out and preparing to set up the election of officers and members of your Executive Board. Notice of the opening of nominations and all instructions will be going out to all members very soon. Please make sure you have your correct mailing address on file at your union office if you want to vote. Voting will be done by mail ballot.

April Member Spotlight



Christy Osborn

"Hi, my name is Christy Osborn. I was terminated from TPS in November 2011. As an AFT member I am very pleased to say that my representative helped me not only get my job back, but he helped me clear my name of any wrongdoing and false accusations. I am very thankful to be a member of AFT and for their support!"

-March 30, 2012

Contact Information Alert

In the past your union has always received home addresses for members. TPS has discovered that they can no longer give us addresses for the members your union represents. We have had the attorneys for AFT look at the statutes in Oklahoma and they are correct. Consequently, the only way we can get your contact information is from you directly. This is going to make communicating with our members much more difficult – good for the district – bad for you and your union.

As many of you know from recent site visits and our membership meeting last month, we are handing out contact information cards and asking folks to fill these out. This information will be used to get mail to you at your home, and to contact you regarding important issues affecting your employment and your rights. Please, fill out one of these cards when asked by your union representative. Without this information you may not receive any information about what is happening in your union such as training opportunities, upcoming officer elections, and information about your contract negotiations.