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UPCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR
Wednesday, May 17 at 6 p.m.
Register at afscmelocal88.org

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. Any member may attend as a non-voting visitor.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

BY JOSLYN BAKER **AFSCME LOCAL 88, PRESIDENT** | president@afscmelocal88.org

Union contracts

In 2022 our bargaining team ratified a new union contract in the AFSCME Local 88 General Unit. Check out that brand new contract here online at bit.ly/3HlyPv1.

Contracts were also ratified in 2022 by our following AFSCME Local 88 sublocals:

- Physicians Unit (Local 88-2)
- Central City Concern (Local 88-1)
- Transition Project Inc (Local 88-3).

Before we had a chance to rest, we are back at the bargaining table for the following AFSCME units in 2023:

- Dentist (Local 88-5)
- Pharmacist - first contract (Local 88-4)
- Juvenile Custody Services Specialist (Local 88-6)
- Market Rate Adjustment Study (year 1 of 3 consecutive years)

Celebrating together

Our union fights hard to win, implement, and maintain contract language that strengthens our workplace and holds our employer accountable. Solidarity means we do this together, and includes celebrating our successes together. On Friday, April 23, more than 200 people (union members and friends and family, union leaders, and AFSCME staff) gathered at the Hyatt Convention Center to dance, reconnect, laugh and cheer.

We chose this Hyatt location for many reasons, but top of this list is that this is one of four union-built and union-staffed hotels in Oregon. Union members here are currently in arbitration related to settling their first union contract. Thanks to the great team of staff at this beautiful hotel who made sure we had everything we needed for a well coordinated event.

The mood this night was festive and DJ Mike Morris set the tempo just right for our boisterous group. Drag Queens Alexis Campbell Starr and Lucky XOX showed our union kiddos the true meaning of acceptance and what it looks like to be fabulous. Their performance was the highlight of the evening and the feeling of inclusion was palpable.

Thanks to the photography talents of Chase McIntyre, we will soon have oodles of lovely event photos on our website. A member created a photo booth and created a space for selfies and portraits. If you signed up for a portrait by Chase, your picture will be emailed to you shortly.

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping with all the details needed to make this event a memorable one: Angie Robinett, Shelley Ashford, Desiree Wolcott-Cushman, Mecca Scott, Jordan Muehe, Beckly Lillie, Stacey Burton, Hilary Zust, Alice Busch, E Dominquez, Johnny Giddings, Gayle Wilson, Manuel Arrellano, and Justin Epperly.

In an evaluation of the event, members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to gather in person after such a long time spent conducting most of our union business online.



TOP: AFSCME members, staff, friends, and families memorialized the fun in the picture booth created by a member. If you took a portraits in the booth, you'll receive it by email soon. RIGHT: Drag Queen Alexis Campbell Starr put on a fabulous show, reminding us that solidarity means inclusion, too.

IDEAS FOR THE NEXT AFSCME EVENT?

Members loved this event and wanted more events like it. Suggestions for smaller events in the future, such as trivia night and union book clubs showed up in the evaluation.

Please note that all of our events, large and small, happen because of the creativity, time and talents of members like you. We work with AFSCME staff to host events that are inclusive and build the strength and solidarity of our union.

If you would like to help plan an event please reach out to me at president@afscmelocal88.org for details about funding and support available. Keep your eyes on our website afscmelocal88.org for resources, events and more.

