

PROVIDENCE NEWSPAPER GUILD, AFL-CIO

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Providence Newspaper Guild
Executive Committee Meeting 6/6/07

Present: Thom Cahir, Kerry Kohring, John Hill, Doug Hadden, Jeff Andrade, Vinnie Pezzillo, Felice Freyer.

Minutes: On a motion by Cahir, seconded by Kohring, the minutes for May 9 and 23 were accepted as presented.

Meetings: On a motion by Kohring, seconded by Andrade, it was agreed to keep the meeting schedule to the first and third Wednesday of the month..

Financial authorizations: On a motion by Cahir, seconded by Hadden, it was agreed to spend up to \$1,200 to purchase six new filing cabinets to handle the influx of new records from Pawtucket and Woonsocket.

On a motion by Kohring, seconded by Pezzillo, it was agreed to reimburse Thom Cahir for tuition payment, upon successful completion of a Collective Bargaining course, in the labor studies certificate program at URI. Cahir abstained.

Grievances: On a motion by Andrade, seconded by Pezzillo, it was agreed to withdraw the “Me-Too” grievance in Worcester.

On a motion by Andrade, seconded by Kohring, the bargaining unit work grievance in Providence was withdrawn.

Pawtucket-Woonsocket update: The new owners of the Call and Times have decided to cut staff with 4 to be cut from Pawtucket and 15 to be cut from Woonsocket. Doug Hadden has volunteered to be one of the four to leave the Times voluntarily.

An unfair labor practice charge is being considered at both papers since the company insists it doesn't have to bargain a new gas reimbursement rate and thinks it can change it unilaterally at any time.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Thom Cahir