

Why Is It Important to Participate in Union Meetings?

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I'd first like to thank members who showed up for your union meeting for the first time. You were able to experience how union meetings are conducted, sometimes in meetings emotions are running high, and sometimes you may have to speak out against, some agree or disagree. We keep the perspective that we all have opinions, different views and knowledge about situations going on in the building.

This subject is very important to talk about so let's delve into the importance of showing up and participating at your union membership meetings. Regularly scheduled Union meetings are a sign of a vibrant, democratic, and organized union. The business of the local is conducted at union meetings and it is the highest legislative body of the local. The union meeting is the heart of where members debate the issues facing their membership and where they vote on matters like union expenditures, upcoming training, conferences and seminars etc. Union meeting has many purposes. It provides members the opportunity to regularly: meet as a group, learn about the union, exchange ideas, meet the leaders and fellowship with members, debate and make decisions, air gripes, and argue, make proposals, and have input, get updated on events, socialize. etc.

Yet the most common refrain that heard is "no one comes." The regularly scheduled meeting establishes that the union as an organization exists and has structure. And, as with any democracy, it allows the members to attend and participate or not to attend. Union meetings are the best place to go to get the most up -to- date news about what is going on at your workplace or within the union. I end with this: Go- To- Union Meetings.

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