

# safety staff sustainability transparency

## PPLWU NEWSLETTER

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.spr0ut on Discord.

### Overview for next meeting:

We have quite a few big things coming up for our union! At our next Meeting on September 17th, there will be a vote brought up to the union about what will be brought to the Board of Trustees on 9/20. This will be one of our first appearances in front of the board since going public in May.

In addition to the vote, the previous board meeting on August 16th will be discussed, and there will be some information brought to the union about healthcare price changes.



### Upcoming Dates:

Union Meeting  
Chinook Center  
9/17/23 @ 3PM

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Library 21C  
9/20/23 @ 5PM

Get involved and have your  
voice heard!

[Join here!](#)



## QUESTIONS?

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## Discord Updates:

Throughout the month of September (and probably the next few months) the official union Discord will be seeing many changes. There will be an update to rules and conduct on the Discord. Additionally, this platform will only be open to dues paying members. We will be moving towards the Discord being an easier place to organize, find meeting notes, and to in general get plugged in to the local union scene.

## DEI Chair:

At our all union meeting in June, we voted for another committee to be added to our union. That committee is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. There is still a great need for someone to head that committee.

## Why join?

It's difficult for individual workers in a large organization to be heard. Our union ensures that every worker has a voice. Democracy in our society, democracy in the workplace. We believe a formal union of workers is the only way to have a lasting impact in our libraries. It isn't enough to keep operating without a forum to represent all of our workers. Collectively, our voices stand united and will not be ignored or dismissed.

With the organized framework of our union you have a direct say in where the focus of our combined labor goes. As a dues paying member, you vote on who participates in the leadership among workers and you gain a voice in your work conditions. Together, we have a message with a louder voice than any one of us has alone, and your input is necessary and important.