

# safety staff sustainability transparency

## PPLWU NEWSLETTER

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### Words from our Union President:

Now that PPLWU is well-established, I would like to provide an update on what we have achieved and what we are working on now. We have settled into our roles and are looking to use our numbers to effect change. We have begun to speak directly to the PPLD board about our needs and concerns without fear of retaliation, thanks to protections secured by CWA 7799, our statewide local. the process of choosing a new member of the PPLD Board of Trustees is happening, and the union took its first steps to make sure that the workers have a say in that process now and in the future. We devised reasonable demands and a plan for presenting them.

To everyone who has already joined PPLWU, remember that our work is not just for ourselves, but for our coworkers and the community. Our goals are ambitious but achievable. The plan is in place to make PPLD a better place to work and a better resource for our community.

We are stronger together.

### General Updates:

1. We are still looking for someone to head our DEI committee! Please reach out to anyone on the steering committee if you're interested.
2. Angela Stevens will be present at our General Meeting on 10/17.
3. A new Membership sub-committee has been added for socials and parties! Please reach out to your VP to get plugged in to it.

### Upcoming Dates:

Union Meeting  
Zoom (check email/discord  
for the link)  
10/17/23

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Sand Creek Library / Zoom  
10/18/23 @ 5PM

Get involved and have your  
voice heard!

[Join here!](#)



## QUESTIONS?

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## Words from our Membership Committee Head:

Thank you to all of our active members! Taking that leap to join in this historical moment shows you have faith that we can make a difference now, and for future employees. WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!

MEMBERS: We are starting with a clean slate so present members can decide to continue or switch to a different committee. Please reach out and let us know which committee you want to stay with/join. The options for committees are: Demands, Membership, Communications, and Socials.

In place of meetings for the membership team, I prefer to communicate by email and text. We are all so busy and have much to do on our time off from work.

I'm looking for representatives from each library, department, or service to help me reach employees in your section. Just hand out these fabulous newsletters. Want to do more? Get their interest, contact info. Give me a list of nonmembers so I can update our database. Let's grow this Union!!

NONMEMBERS...sign up!! We need your vote, your voice, and your passion for change. We are forming what the Union looks like NOW!

## Board of Trustees Updates:

On September 20, 2023 our union's president, John, spoke to the Board of Trustees at PPLD. Since our meeting with them, PPLD has brought back sub hours for 2023 (no word on if this will roll over to 2024), they have displayed the Code of Conduct much more obviously (without changes to include Hate Speech), and lastly, have discussed a 5% raise that still needs to be voted on.

Let's hope our meeting with the board shows PPLD Leadership how serious we are about our demands!