





WAGES AND HEALTH CARE PART OF BARGAINING DISCUSSION THIS WEEK

The MCO bargaining team passed a wages and health care proposal to OSE yesterday.

OSE did not immediately accept or deny MCO's proposal. MCO was just one of the unions in the state coalition that passed economic proposals to the state this week.

MCO decided to offer a proposal

first as part of a proactive approach to negotiating wages and health care.

Bargaining has thus far been a smoother and quicker process than usual, and we'd like to keep the momentum going. Several articles have been passed back and forth.

We can't share at this time what

numbers we proposed. Any information shared with members in writing could be leaked to the media, which would hurt the integrity of the bargaining process.

We will disclose certain information when the time is right. Thanks for your support throughout the process.

MCO COMMITTEE PLANS SPECIAL MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO FALLEN COS

A special committee of officers from around the state met at the MCO Central office today to plan the development of a fallen corrections officers' memorial.

The idea of a memorial had come up over the years but never came to fruition.

Then, in a grassroots movement, a few corrections officers and retirees approached the MCO Executive Board over the summer with a plan for a memorial. One of the officers, Pamela Drew, said she knew something more should be done after she and a few retirees visited Josephine Mc-Callum's grave.

"I walked up to a gravesite that was nothing more than a marker on the ground. It was covered in tree debris and weeds. It devastated me," Drew said.

The MCO Executive Board agreed to provide funding for a memorial. Leaders are glad MCO was approached so this project can be something special for all members.

Today the committee discussed a proposal for the memorial's look and location, as well as specific criteria for determining which officers are added to the memorial. The committee also set a tentative deadline for dedication.

This is an exciting project to say the least. We'll keep you posted.

AROUND THE STATE: TRINITY WORKERS STOP ORDERED; WARNING SHOT FIRED AT ICF

Two Trinity workers at Cotton were stop ordered this week – one on accusations she had sexual contact with an inmate, and the other for being a lookout.

It happened in the temp side kitchen and involved a Level I prisoner.

MSP picked up one of the women from the prison the same day, officers say. A stop order was issued Wednesday for a Trinity worker at Central Michigan.

Officers claim she brought in tobacco.

A warning shot was fired from ICF post 4 Saturday to break up a fight.

The inmates continued to throw punches after officers ordered them to stop fighting. The warning shot was fired, and the prisoners complied.

No staff or inmate injuries were reported.

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