



FIGHT BACK PITTSBURGH

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Fight Back Pittsburgh – USW Local 3657 Organizing Committee Monthly Report—December 2015

- USW Local 3657 President John Lepley has appointed Haywood Carey as the Local Union's representative on Fight Back Pittsburgh's Executive Board. The seat has been vacant for some time and Fight Back Pittsburgh members are happy to have additional Local 3657 representation in the organization.
- This month Fight Back Pittsburgh published the third issue of its new monthly newsletter: Labor Struggles from the Steel City and Beyond. This edition includes updates on the ATI lockout, bargaining at US Steel, the Conflict Kitchen, and the East End Food Co-Op, the Pittsburgh Wage Committee report, and efforts to implement Pittsburgh's paid sick day legislation. It's available online at <http://fightbackpittsburgh.org/december-2015-labor-struggles-from-the-steel-city-and-beyond/> and will be featured in this month's edition of the Thomas Merton Center's newspaper The New People.
- Fight Back Pittsburgh activists joined members of Local 3657 for a weekend-long organizing training facilitated by the USW organizing department and education and membership development department on December 5 and 6. Local 3657 is now looking at launching an organizing drive at an employer here in Pittsburgh.
- Members of Fight Back Pittsburgh traveled to Midland on December 5th to join local 1212 at Midland's Light Up Night celebration in downtown Midland and at the picket line.
- On December 7th, Fight Back Pittsburgh held a special membership meeting to discuss ways that community activists could support locked out USW members at ATI. Skip Longdon the unit president at Washington Plate gave an overview of the lockout and the key issues and members of Local 1046 and 1196 shared their stories.
- On January 9th, Fight Back Pittsburgh is partnering with United Students Against Sweatshops Local 31 to host a direct action planning workshop on Pitt's campus. The title of the training is 'Shutting Things Down to Open Things Up: Organizing Creative Actions in the Fight for Workers Rights.' Members of USW Local 3657 are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, visit <https://actionnetwork.org/events/shutting-things-down-to-open-things-up>.