

United Steelworkers Local Union 3657

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Civil Rights Committee March 2016

The Committee met this month and reports the following:

With respect to constituency groups, the Committee reports that the Pittsburgh CBTU, along with LCLAA, CLUW, and PAW, will be co-hosting a Mass Incarceration Forum on Saturday, April 2, 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Jeron Grayson Community Center to educate attendees on economic issues surrounding Mass Incarceration in communities of color and poor people.

Also, with respect to the constituency groups, the Committee discussed participating in the YWCA's "Stand against Racism" event. It's a national campaign to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism. The Committee encourages the local to participate in this event by joining in with the Pittsburgh YWCA.

Both CLUW and LCLAA Pittsburgh chapters will be submitting resolutions to the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Convention next month. CLUW's resolution will deal with Planned Parenthood, equal pay, and possibly sick days. LCLAA's will be asking the state federation to support legislation that would provide tuition for undocumented residents pursuing educational opportunities at state-funded institutions of higher learning.

The National LCLAA Convention will be held 8/18 – 8/20 in Orlando, FL. Guillermo, a National Board Member, will be attending as a representative of the USW. Luis Mendoza and Yesenia Alfaro are also members of LCLAA and are interested in attending.

The Committee continued its discussions on compiling a second edition of its report around the diversity of USW staff in relation to the demographics of the USW membership. The committee is in the process of determining the matrix and data that needs to be collected.