



LOCAL 2-21 C.A.T. Letter

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Even though we have not been to the negotiating table in over a month, there is plenty going on pertaining to negotiations. Some from the committee went to the paper bargaining conference in Pittsburgh last month and as you might guess; our 28 month negotiations were one of the main topics.

Last week the entire committee went to Menasha to sit in on a teleconference with some guys from Pittsburgh that again, discussed our negotiations and answered many questions that the committee had.

This past Thursday, the committee was asked to be on a special conference call (with the union committees from the other NewPage mills and the International) to discuss yet more detailed information.

I'm telling all of you this because I need you to understand that there is a lot going on right now behind the scenes. **THAT IS WHY I'M ASKING ALL STEWARDS, THE C-5 GROUP AND THE CAT TEAM TO PLEASE ATTEND THE STEWARDS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND.** I will be conducting the meeting and will be sharing some critical information with you.

On another note, most of you already know we hired Attorney Peter Strom to investigate our pension plan and what we could expect if the company were to file bankruptcy or if the pension plan were to become underfunded, meaning funded at less than 80%. Even though we were not able to get updated information from the company, Mr. Strom was able to compile enough information that we feel we can now answer most of your questions. We will be conducting meetings at the hall in the very near future at which he will present what he has and if we cannot answer a specific question, we will compile a list and send it to corporate for clarification. I will be sending out a CAT letter in advance to make sure anyone wanting to attend will be about to adjust their schedule to do so. We will most likely have a meeting at noon and another at 7:00PM. Spouses are encouraged to attend with you.

Thank you for your support.
In Solidarity,

Bryon Branstrom