

AFSCME 3800

University of Minnesota Clerical Workers

Solidarity Statement with Wisconsin Public Workers

AFSCME Local 3800, the union of clerical workers at the University of Minnesota, extends our solidarity to our brothers and sisters in AFSCME and all other public sector unions in Wisconsin in your struggle to defend your unions and stop unnecessary concessions.

We are heartened by your decision to stand up and fight back boldly against your union-busting governor and legislators.

The occupation of the capitol, the sickouts by teachers, the student walkouts, massive rallies and the countless creative actions taken by workers to “kill the bill” are a beacon of hope to all workers and unions. You’ve shown the way forward for the labor movement.

AFSCME Local 3800 stands with you in your struggle. As we have learned in our battles against obstinate administrators and politicians in Minnesota, power concedes nothing without a determined struggle. You are on the right track and if you continue, you will win.

We support the decision of the South Central Labor Federation to begin the process to organize for a general strike if necessary to stop Governor Walker’s union-busting bill.

If it comes to that, the membership of AFSCME Local 3800 empowers our Executive Board to make a generous donation to your strike fund, and we will also take up voluntary collections at all our meetings as long as a strike goes on.

We also pledge to send as many members as we can to stand and fight side by side with you in Madison and around the state.

Your victory will be a victory for all public sector workers and for the whole working class.

Passed unanimously at the March 23, 2011 general membership meeting.