

NALC Branch 111

Minutes of the regular Union Meeting

January 14, 2015

Convened at 6:37

Pledge of Allegiance by Phillip Rodriquez

Minutes of the December meeting have been prepared, distributed and posted filed for future reference-called by the chair

Reading of the Correspondence by Sharla Groves (secretary pro tem), filed for future reference

Application for Membership by Jeff Nelson

- Cameo Molina
- Lesa Copeland
- Jerry Long
- Melissa Martinez
- Mary Olsen
- Christian Rodriguez Perez
- Darren Lilley
- Rosa Centeno
- Adnan Zulic
- Justin Leo
- Malee Wood
- Marielena Melendez
- Christopher McGuire
- Federrio Schultz
- Cynthia Mathews
- Jesse Miller
- Robert Marion
- Coda Holman
- Haley Thackner
- Russell Workman
- Todd Migliaccio
- Mark Gunnell

Special Guests; 210 workers special guests addressed the body regarding Federal worker's compensation and their 19 years' experience in getting claims for injured workers approved as well as case management. The have been open since last October.

Food Drive by LoEne Simpson

- Food Drive cards have been ordered, we will have bags this year. Would like to order t-shirts that the carriers can wear the entire week of the food drive.

Letter Carrier Political Fund by Monte Jones (not present)

Organizer by Lance Henrie (excused)

MDA by Cassandra Last

- Last year we raised \$1348 for MDA we have 1059 members. Planning a bowl a thon for this year, would like some input, possibly September.

Legislative by Chad Mortensen

- Central federation of Labor, Union movie night, here at the union hall on February 1, 2016 popcorn and drinks will be provided.
- Candidates are reaching out to us, would like our support, realizing our influence on elections.
- Karen Mayne's legislation is looking good; other agencies would use USPS resources in times of a declared emergency. We will not be first responders, we will only deliver info to first responders. This legislation will be addressed at a National level.

Trustees by Chad Mortensen

- The trustees met yesterday, tried to review Nov and Dec warrants. Working with Mike Madsen and Mike Wahlquist to get things cleared. Issues with the RAP session bills.

MBA Compensation by Terry Ehlers (excused)

Health Benefits by Jimmy Kerekes

- Open season is over, please help the CCAs. Will teach a retirement class February 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Safety by Rick Watson

- New vans, Dodge Ram 2500 will be coming, beginning in January, to replace the Ford Windstars. Be careful, it's cold and slippery. Help the new CCAs coming through.

Retirees by Joe Zabriskie

- New retirees, Jim Horrock and Roland Maxfield.
- To draw for the retiree's door prize for two \$25 door prizes.
- Has prostate cancer, is being treated

Treasurer by Mike Madsen

- The 2016 budget was handed out for discussion next month, last year we organized well, especially CCAs, and we have more money than expected. The second page has a line item for a new copier; there are so few copies of the budget because the copier isn't working. We have 30 days to review the budget, will discuss next month.
- The charges for RAP session changed, because we now pay the registration with the room charges. Another set of charges were billed 30 days later to all ten rooms as an amenities charge. Will figure it out.

Vice President by Jeff Nelson

- We had 745 grievances in 2015 and are now at 135 for 2016, not a good start.
- Check with the CCAs in your office to ensure they are getting their training, OJI training and Carrier Academy, especially in the AOs.
- Will be working as a CDL in the second district.
- Life insurance, FEGLI rates for retirees will increase. Has rates available tonight, also on the website.
- The APWU contract will be going to arbitration, Steven Goldberg arbitrator.
- Has information on protecting yourself from cold stress.

President by Michael Wahlquist

- The Heber grievance agreement regarding rural carriers carrying city mail, management has defaulted on grievance agreement.
- Bountiful, interviewing every carrier on the working conditions there. The shop steward there is doing an excellent job.
- National CCA conference, Justin Lindquist from our branch was selected. Will be leaving for St Louis this Saturday.
- We had an audit last month, we did fine.
- A carrier in Bountiful has been charged with delay of mail, the OIG has criminally charged the carrier with delaying the mail. We can expect more of this here; will be the topic of the next article in the pavement pounder. Use a 1571 when mail is brought back. Management can fire you for a nexus if convicted.
- The copier has died, the repairman worked for a couple of days, could not get it to work, has asked for a bid for a machine that would fit our needs. It was discussed by the executive board, the bid is \$13,274 with a service agreement that includes a \$295 per month which includes toner, another bid for the same machine \$13,752 with a \$215 monthly, another bid for \$12,074 with a \$125 service agreement, a lesser model is available for \$10,100 with a \$215 service agreement. We don't currently have a working copier. It was moved by Mike Madsen to forgo the 30 day waiting period and discuss this one line item now. Seconded. It was moved by Sharla Groves to approve the line item, allowing the branch to purchase a copier. Seconded. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Special Orders

- Anyone that wants a copy of the budget, they are available.

Unfinished Business none

Good of the Association none

The Improvement of the Service

- Bruce Morgan asked if State President Phillip Rodriguez could give a report on the committee formed on Veterans. The NALC veteran's group now has 7,000 members. This will be very important with legislation. Would like to put forth a resolution that a position is created within the NALC for the sole purpose of handling veteran's issues.

Adjourned called by the chair 8:17 PM

Drawing Winners

- \$25 door prizes Chris Shipley & Cassandra Last
- Retirees \$25 Larry Focht, Sinichi Nakumura, Gus Rohrbach, Jimmy Kerekes, Bruce Morgan, Vicki Pfeifer, Steven Franz and donuts to Joan Larsen
- Progressive A Union Meeting \$125 Ronald Van Ry(not present) next month \$150
- Progressive B Union Meeting \$25 Lawrence Ostrowski (not present) \$50