

## **NALC Branch 111**

### **Minutes of the regular Union Meeting**

**February 11, 2016**

**Convened at 6:33**

**Pledge of Allegiance** by Phillip Rodriquez

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

**Reading of the Correspondence** by Kimberly Mortensen, filed for future reference

**Application for Membership** by Jeff Nelson

- Ibeth Rubio
- Weston Lunsog
- Jesse Long
- Cameron Gates
- Nathan Malan
- Ashra Jasim
- Jonathon Atwood
- James Gramse
- Mohamed Salem
- Douglass Rupp
- Mikayla Belnap
- Paul Garrett
- Danielle Scott
- Buck Barney
- Christopher Young
- Brian Neimoyer
- Ken Tracy
- Brett Pack
- Tamara Gibson
- Daniel Soto
- Mark Gunnell

Special Guest, an MDA family was here to present Branch 111 with an award for fundraising and to thank everyone for their support.

**Food Drive** by LoEne Simpson

- We have permission to wear our food drive shirts the entire week of the food drive. Each office will need a food drive contact.
- Moved to pass the hat for Tom Vigil, a retired carrier and veteran who broke his neck in three places in an accident last week. Motion carries.

**Letter Carrier Political Fund** by Monte Jones not present

**Organizer** by Lance Henrie

- Treat the new member CCAs well, stay behind them and watch out for each other.

**MDA** by Cassandra Last

- The award from MDA and the MDA guest family was read.
- Bowl a Thon, August 6, laser bowling with a silent auction. With \$50 worth of sponsorship you get 3 games, shoe rental, prizes for team name, best bowling shirts and most money raised.

**Legislative** by Chad Mortensen

- February 27 a neighborhood caucus training will be conducted at 9:00 AM, here at the hall. February 26, union movie night at union hall, Cesar Chavez.
- Congressional candidate, district 2, Charlene Albaron will be a guest at the March 10 meeting.
- Both parties will have neighborhood caucus on March 22.
- SB 57 has passed the senate and is headed into the house, the Governor supports it, other states will follow. Call your representative and ask them to support.
- California has introduced legislation to increase the penalties for mail theft.
- Costco's magazine had an article on privatizing the USPS.
- Our prefunding accounts have \$55 billion.

**Trustees** by Chad Mortensen

- The trustees met last night, everything is in order, RAP session is all cleared up.

**MBA Compensation** by Terry Ehlers

- Discussed OWCP forms and how to report an on the job injury.
- We won a whistleblower complaint, separated, probationary CCA is back to work.

**Safety** by Terry Ehlers for Rick Watson

- Make management fix broken chains, use them safely.

**Health Benefits** by Jimmy Kerekes

- The info on the discs is outdated. Ask your provider if they are in the Cigna network.

- Dates for retirement consultations are in the pavement pounder, will have another class in May or June.

#### **Retirees by Joe Zabriskie**

- Gave away too much money in drawings last month.

#### **Treasurer by Mike Madsen**

- Deferred to special orders.

#### **Vice President by Jeff Nelson**

- In January we were at 135 grievances. In 2009 we had 850 grievances, we may pass that this year, as we are at 270. Lately it's been 12/60 violations, mandating and steward's rights.
- A letter carrier in Louisville was shot, the carrier is doing OK.
- Do not use or block handicapped spots.
- Two supervisors in Pennsylvania got in a fist fight, you should always remove yourself from heated situations.
- The NRLCA has reached a tentative agreement which includes a new tier of workforce, a vote will be held on whether to ratify.

#### **President by Michael Wahlquist**

- \$142 was raised for Tom Vigil.
- Management sent the Branch a check for the remedy on the Heber crossing crafts grievance on February 4, it was due on December 31, a reneging grievance will be filed, as it was late.
- The OIG charged a carrier with delay of mail in federal court, charges were dismissed at the second meeting. Complete a 1571 for any delay of mail.
- Management is trying to enforce a new district policy, only parcels over 2 lbs can be marked.
- Our organizing numbers are up, we were at 81.9% last year and are at 84.1% this year, we have 1106 members.

#### **Special Orders**

- Mike Madsen moved to pass the budget as written with any line items excepted for discussion. Chad Mortensen moved to increase the AFL-CIO from \$3000 to \$3500, seconded by Phillip Rodriquez, motion carries with voice vote. LoEne Simpson moved to add \$500 to donations charity for food drive t-shirts to be sold at a rate to be determined. Motion carries with a voice vote. Phillip Rodriquez moved to send all three trustees to NALC Branch Officer training, with an additional \$3100 added to the training budget for this purpose. Stan Hawker moved to amend the motion to send just the chair at a cost of \$1033.33. Mike Madsen Point of Information, we could send one per year. The question was called, the amendment fails. The question was called for the original motion; motion carries with a voice vote. Stan Hawker moved to eliminate the

family summer party. The question was called, motion fails with a voice vote. The question was called for the budget, with amendments, the budget passed with a voice vote.

**Unfinished Business** none

**Good of the Association**

- With the new scanners, you are tracked every moment within ten yards, including the speed which you are driving.

**The Improvement of the Service** none

**Adjourned** called by the chair 8:35 PM

**Drawing Winners**

- \$25 door prizes LoEne Simpson & Sharla Groves
- Retirees \$25 Last Page, no name on line drawn to roll over, progressive at next month's meeting \$50
- Progressive A Union Meeting \$150 Amie Gallo (not present) next month \$175
- Progressive B Union Meeting \$50 Kang Hong (not present) \$75