

NALC Branch 111

Minutes of the regular Union Meeting

March 10, 2016

Convened at 6:35

Pledge of Allegiance by Phillip Rodriquez

Minutes of the February 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

- Julina Platts
- David Taylor
- Richard Munro
- Franklin Asifoa
- Julie Roseborough
- Phillip Legus
- Oscar Contreas
- Derek Newton
- Vivian Jefferson
- Christopher Hazlett
- Frank Espinoza

Special Committee; Veterans by Phillip Rodriquez

Committee was created last November for the Good of the Association by Bruce Morgan to write a resolution to be submitted to National. The chair, is also serving on a special review committee at a National level. Because a Veteran's Committee has been created at a National level, and the issues discussed are now being addressed at a National level, no resolution was necessary. The committee was then thanked, Christopher Zambos, Bruce Morgan and Joe Zabriskie.

Food Drive by LoEne Simpson

- We have a bid for food drive shirts in blue, getting one more bid. Currently looking for sponsors for the t shirts. Will be visiting offices in April to promote the food drive.

Letter Carrier Political Fund by Monte Jones

- No report

Organizer by Lance Henrie, excused

MDA by Cassandra Last

- A Bowl a Thon Has been planned for August 6, pre-registration will be at the July union meeting, with a \$50 minimum to bowl. The Grand Prize, for the most raised in donations is two tickets to the Harley Davidson Black and Blue Gala, including a room and a Harley Davidson Swag bag. There will be more prizes and a silent auction.

Special Guest, Charlene Albaron, Congressional Candidate for District 2 discussed her support of education, clean air, increased minimum wage and more affordable health care. She also supports Letter Carrier issues, and a healthy USPS.

Legislative by Chad Mortensen

- Thanked special guest, Charlene for listening to our issues.
- The State Legislature Session has ended, the labor caucus works hard and the AFL CIO deserves our thanks. A bill to halt automatic dues deductions was shut down, SB 57 passed unanimously creating a feasibility study using Postal resources in a time of disaster. SB 26 requires election notices mailed to all constituents.
- On March 22, Democratic and Republican Caucus meetings will be held, with one time to vote and become delegates.
- Mike Lee is running for reelection; Jonathon Swinton is his challenger.
- Boise Idaho conducted Legislative Training, Utah sent five to this training, Region one has invited us, and we will be attending training in Las Vegas April 7, 8, 9.

Trustees by Chad Mortensen

- Jennifer Ogden has almost completed an inventory of the Branch's assets. Kirk was sick, so the Trustees' meeting was postponed for this month.

MBA Compensation by Terry Ehlers

- Carriers are not coming to the union when injured, management is still not giving proper forms. 210 workers is working well.

Health Benefits by Jimmy Kerekes

- Flu shots are covered, give phone number to new CCAs and newly converted CCAs.
- Has set dates for one on one retirement meetings, available dates are in the pavement pounder.

Safety by Richard Watson

- The most recent safety meeting including the numbers of accidents was discussed. Help new CCAs to work safely.

Retirees by Joe Zabriskie

- New retiree, Ray Kosierowski received his watch and pin.
- The retirees' dinner will be the third week in September.

Treasurer by Mike Madsen

- No report

Vice President by Jeff Nelson

- We are at 307 grievances for the year, so far.
- We are in the middle of steward elections for the year, please contact a Branch Officer with any questions.
- Injuries are up, call the union, Terry with any questions. 210 workers has helped get cases approved.
- Negotiations are under way, right now for our new contract.
- Orem filed an OSHA complaint due to management attempting to force carriers to drive an unsafe vehicle. Do not drive an unsafe vehicle, report it.
- In order to drive the new vans, you must be trained.

President by Michael Wahlquist

- The computers have been down, the server went down, PC laptops repaired the damaged part as it was covered by the warranty. Luckily it has been a slow month, grievance wise,
- CCA conversion orientations are being conducted with all CCA converted to regular to review Health Benefits, Life Insurance, leave TSP.
- The AFL-CIO was paid \$3500, as approved last month in the budget, they were very appreciative.

Special Orders

- The following proposed change was submitted by Kimberly Mortensen: Article 8, Financial Section 9. To be eligible for payment of salary all Branch Executive Board members will attend all regular branch and executive board meetings, 1 day of annual leave and 1 day of sick leave will be granted per year. **To read** Section 9. To be eligible for payment of salary all Branch Executive Board members will attend all regular branch and executive board meetings, unless excused, 1 day of annual leave and 1 day of sick leave will be granted per year.

New Business

- Bruce Morgan's carrier is not putting his flag down.
- Terry Ehlers moved to hold the summer party in Orem. Motion carries with a voice vote
- See LoEne with shirt sizes for those that would like to purchase a food drive t shirt.

Unfinished Business none

Good of the Association none

The Improvement of the Service none

Adjourned called by the chair 7:50 PM

Drawing Winners

- \$25 door prizes Joe Horsley & Geralyn Roberts
- Retirees \$50 George Schmidt not present next month \$75
- Progressive A Union Meeting \$175 Kelly Gray (not present) next month \$200
- Progressive B Union Meeting \$75 Ray Jennings (not present) \$100