

NALC Branch 111

Minutes of the regular Union Meeting

June 9, 2016

Convened at 6:37

Pledge of Allegiance by Phillip Rodriquez

Moment of Silence for Kim Newman and Robert Gayle

Lance Henrie has been appointed to the position of Vice President.

Minutes of the May 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 to be read next month

Director of Retirees Joe Zabriskie

- New retirees, Keith Warner, Sharla Groves, Bob Valdez and Yvonne Madsen received their watches and pins.
- Mike Wahlquist and Zabriskie visited with Don Kane in honor of 101st birthday as well as attended the funeral for Robert Gayle

Safety by Rick Watson

- The safety and health meeting was on May 19, Christopher Zambos attended on behalf of Watson. Vehicles are not being repaired properly; keep a copy of the slip when turned in as proof. It is hot, wear a hat and sunscreen.
- Vickie Payne and Watson are divorced, Vickie has resigned from the auxiliary, Kathy Warner and Vickie have been the only two participating in the auxiliary, Watson thanked both.

Food Drive by LoEne Simpson

- The totals were way up from last year, totals for individual offices were shared, West Valley increased by 20,000 lbs. Another 2180 lbs. were picked up the following week. Salt Lake City picked up as much food as the entire state last year.

Special Guest, Peter Tomala, candidate for house district 33, West Valley City spoke about why he is running for office and asked for support.

LCPF by Monte Jones no report

Organizer by Lance Henrie

- Organizing has been going better. Talk to non members in your office, give them an 1187.

MDA by Cassandra Last

- The bowl a thon is August 6 to raise funds for MDA, we need more teams. The grand prize is tickets to the Black & Blue Gala, minimum sponsorship is \$60 at \$100 you get a t shirt. Pre register by July union meeting. MDA summer camp will be August 7, we'll be helping the kids send postcards.

Legislative by Chad Mortensen

- Ballots are out; we have been delivering and picking them up.
- There will be another meeting June 27, Karen Mayne has sent a letter to all state agencies asking if they can use postal facilities, Chaffetz has been supportive. Other states are introducing similar legislation. Karen Mayne, Phil and Chaffetz will be meeting in DC on July 11.
- Mia Love is still supportive to lettercarriers.

Trustees by Chad Mortensen

- Branch 111 will no longer accept cash, you will need a check or money order. The trustees have asked that warrants have the 5 W's as suggested by National, who, what, where, when and why.

MBA compensation by Terry Ehlers

- OIG is investigating some of the districts as far as OWCP, Salt Lake should be included.
- This weekend is the summer party.

Health Benefits by Jimmy Kerekes

- The more members we get in the health benefit plan, the better our prices will be.
- Preparing a class on TSP.

Treasurer by Mike Madsen

- We will no longer have cash in the office, can no longer make change.
- Payroll will no longer be done until after it has been earned, Vice President Nelson cashed a check not yet earned, resigned and received wages not earned.

Vice President Lance Henrie

- We are at 589 grievances or the year could possibly be a record, many are for attendance.
- Kevin Card wrote an article about fraud, the USPS is trying to keep the union out of OWCP files and FECA records and challenging rehabilitation job offers. Management cites a "Safe Harbor" MOU.
- It's an honor to serve the branch.

President by Michael Wahlquist

- Lance was picked at 30 days, took a full 30 days before Lance was asked as it was a serious decision. It will be good for the branch.
- The reasons or the proposed bylaw changes were explained.
- According to the National Constitution, temporary management can participate in union meetings if not on an active detail (1723).
- Seven years ago the Department of Labor audited; we will become a cashless organization, no cash for steak fry or calendars.
- The NALC has endorsed Hillary Clinton.
- The Auxiliary (auxiliary 8) has not been paying affiliate dues. They have not paid their dues to their National Organization in four years. Branch 111 gives them \$1000 per year, funds are also raised at the Labor Day picnic and meals sold at the branch meetings. The Executive Board discussed whether Branch 111 should take over the Labor Day picnic and contribute the proceeds to MDA. The Executive Board also recommended a committee be formed to review/investigate auxiliary 8. LoEne Simpson moved to form a committee to review/investigate Auxiliary 8 and report back to the members of Branch 111. Seconded. Point of Information; Monte Jones does not believe the auxiliary must participate. Christopher Zambos asked that the committee look into the \$1000 and the Labor Day Picnic and report back at the next meeting. Phil Rodriguez moved to fund the committee with a cap of 32 hours. Motion carries to for a committee to review and investigate Auxiliary 8, make recommendations in regards to the Labor Day Picnic, report at next month's meeting with funding up to 32 hours. The committee was appointed as follows: Bob Jewell, Kimberly Mortensen and LoEne Simpson.
- Mike Wahlquist has been in contact with the Department of Labor in regards to warrants and will comply with their recommendations.

Special Orders

- none

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

- The following bylaw change was read, to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting: Article 10; Amendments; Section 1 Changes to Branch ByLaws must be made by a motion at a regular Branch meeting. Notice of such changes must be posted at least 14 days prior to the next meeting, at which time voting will take place. **Proposed change, to read: Changes to Branch By-Laws must be made by a motion at a regular Branch meeting. Notice of such changes must be posted at least 14-10 days prior to the next meeting, at which time voting will take place. Changes to Branch ByLaws must be submitted in writing to the Branch Secretary at least one month prior to the meeting in which they are submitted.**

- Monte Jones reported on behalf of the committee assigned in regards to monthly publishing of the Pavement Pounder; The wage of the editor is the same as the editor's wage was when we published monthly no changes were made once we began mailing every other month. The current editor has only mailed the pavement pounder twice, Jones has been receiving 2 hours each time it is mailed to take it to the bulk mail unit. The cost of mailing once per month would be an additional \$2100 per year. The committee was then disbanded. Terry Ehlers moved to go to monthly publication with the Pavement pounder, seconded. Motion was amended to increase budget an additional \$2400. Point of Information: Phillip Rodriguez, from which budget will the additional costs come? Treasurer, Mike Madsen, the branch is projected to have a \$50,000 surplus. Point of Information; Kimberly Mortensen: Given that the year is more than halfway over; will \$2400 be the additional cost? The amendment was changed to \$1100. Point of information monthly mailings to become effective immediately. Motion carries with voice vote.
- Mike Wahlquist turned the chair over to Lance Henrie. Mike Wahlquist moved to form a committee for a 125th anniversary yearbook. Seconded. Motion carries with a voice vote. The committee was formed and will report on costs. The committee will be as follows: Christopher Zambos; chair, Geralyn Roberts, Veronica Rodriguez, Jeff Asay, Mike Miller, Jimmy Kerekes. The committee will report at the next meeting.

Good of the Association

- LoEne Simpson; has been doing a lot of grievance work regarding OWCP for injured carriers, moved or the branch to fund send her to OWCP training in Denver, if it is verified that there is still a spot available. Seconded. Point of information; Phillip Rodriguez the cost is roughly \$850 to \$900. Motion carries with a voice vote.

The Improvement of the Service

- none

Adjourned called by the chair 8:35

Drawing Winners

- \$25 door prizes Vicki Pfeiffer & Joe Horsley
- Retirees \$125 Grace Day (not present)
- Progressive A Union Meeting \$250 Ray Lozano (not present) next month \$275
- Progressive B Union Meeting \$150 Debra Blank (not present) \$175