

## **NALC Branch 111**

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

**August 11, 2016**

**Convened at 6:30**

**Pledge of Allegiance** by Phillip Rodriquez

**Roll** by LoEne Simpson (for Kimberly Mortensen, excused)

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

**Reading of the Correspondence** by LoEne Simpson for Kimberly Mortensen (excused), filed for future reference

**Application for Membership** by Lance Henrie

- Christopher Merritt, Sarah Gallagher, Patricia Bales, Neftaly Kirk-Alvarez, Jeffrey Sandoval, Shon Dutson, Sheldon Tanner, Maria del Refugio Duran, Douglas Anderson, Luisa Giles, Jason Oritz, Kevin Blood, Delbert Gasio, Vladimir Petrovic, Nicholas Buchel, Derry Moreivo, Todd Gockeritz

**Phillip Rodriquez** has been traveling to branches within Utah, updates regarding Utah's role in our work at a National level, have been meeting with Jason Chaffetz. The first meeting took place when Chaffetz took over as chair of the committee that oversees the USPS. State Senator Karen Mayne, is supportive of us and formed committee in regards to the resources available through the USPS. SB 57 was passed unanimously; several other states are now pursuing similar legislation. Mayne and Phil met with the oversight committee in Washington DC. The USPS legal staff has opposed any legislation, until Chaffetz met with PMG Megan Brennan an informed of his support and the legal staffs lack of support. Mia Love is supportive. The next phase is to use USPS offices for drivers and fishing licenses, etc. Legislation should be coming through Jason Chaffetz committee. Recognized Chad, the Legislative Liaison and his hard work. Discussed partnerships with businesses and organizations that support the USPS including Google Fiber, who could use postal facilities.

**Food Drive** by LoEne Simpson

- Labor Day Picnic, the Labor Day Committee meets every week, on Thursday, planning on 350 cars, fun run at the golf course, two horseshoe tournaments, drawings start at 11:00 AM. Branch 111 committee, recognized would like to make up for bad publicity last year, want everyone to know proceeds to go to MDA, \$6 meals, presale buy 4 get one free. Rachael (Burton) has a connection that got us a good deal on the food. Sign-up sheet for volunteers, planning on 1,000 meals. 210 workers to sponsor T Shirts.

**LCPF** Monte Jones not present

#### **Organizer by Jay Reupena**

- On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, 11 of 12 joined the union, August 8, 20 new hires only 11 joined, humbling experience. Our union was formed in 1889 by 60 carriers in Milwaukee. It takes all of us to sign up the nonmembers. It takes all of us. We all have a reason that we believe in the union, we need to share our stories. We need everybody, let him know if you need help. 8 people signed up during the membership drive between last month and this month.

#### **MDA by Cassandra Last**

- The Labor Day picnic will raise funds for MDA. The bowl a thon was canceled due to lack of interest. We supplied postcards to send home from camp, last weekend and this coming Sunday. To have a raffle at the steak fry for MDA.

#### **Legislative by Chad Mortensen**

- New bill HR 5714, language was added during the meeting Phil referenced in DC, to benefit State Legislation. Senator Mike Lee has shown interest. 5714 gets rid of door delivery/ HR 28, 201 cosponsors, maintains door to door delivery. HR 5707, 51 billion goes to department of treasury; NALC would like to invest it with a yield of 6-7% no need to prefund. Bruce Morgan, writes many postcards, Senator Lee called asking for a meeting due to Morgan's postcards.
- NALC has a new app for smart phones, has information, easy to use, and gives contact info for Senators and Congressmen. Sign up for E activist, with all of these bills it's important to be aware.
- LCPF, formerly COLCPE, we need to continue to contribute, it is important.
- August 26, free union movie night, pay to play about citizens united, at union hall.

#### **Trustees Chad Mortensen**

- Was gone last month, Jennifer and Kirk reviewed the books has not reviewed yet this month.

#### **MBA and Compensation Terry Ehlers**

- Went to Denver, LoEne went as well. OWCP believes any agency over the worker. Had a tour of the facility, files are digital now. They have a large workload which contributes to the time to process.
- Steak fry tickets, please get them soon. Starts at 6:00 PM, Murray Park.

#### **Health Benefits by Jimmy Kerekes**

- Convention, next week, to get information regarding CVS and the health care plan.
- To plan a TSP class after convention.

#### **Safety and Health by Rick Watson**

- Safety committee met today, 57% increase in motor vehicle accidents, stay hydrated, school is starting watch for buses.

#### Retirees by Joe Zabriskie

- Read Leif Syverson's obituary, funeral in Bountiful Saturday.
- Will be unable to attend Convention due to health concerns.

#### Treasurer by Mike Madsen no report

#### Vice President by Lance Henrie

- We are at 817 grievances for the year. Discussed discipline, especially unacceptable conduct and unacceptable work performance. Attempting single track discipline, S2 no longer has specifics from supervisor, 5 tracks for discipline. Discussed the definition of unacceptable conduct and unacceptable work performance.

#### President by Michael Wahlquist

- Paul Price, NBA just called to let Mike know he would be at the September branch meeting.
- Leif Syverson, attended branch meetings, donated a shadow box containing all of his Convention credentials, attended many conventions. It is hanging on the wall downstairs.
- We are sending delegates to convention in Los Angeles, California, many who qualified were unable to attend, even after qualifying for funding. Read the list of delegates. Will report in the next Pavement Pounder.
- Leadership Academy application deadline is fast approaching, four weeks of training in Baltimore; one of the weeks is in the NBA office.
- Discussed the problems in Bountiful with the Postmaster, and carriers resigning. A grievance has been filed including 90 statements from employees. Stewards have been escorted out by the police.

#### Special Orders

- Bylaw Change Proposal Old Language ARTICLE 3 MEMBERS Section 1. The dues of this branch shall be 1 hour per pay period at city letter carrier ~~grade 2 step 0~~ Any member not on dues check off shall maintain their dues (1) year in advance. New Language: ARTICLE 3 MEMBERS Section 1 The dues of this branch shall be 1 hour per pay period at city letter carrier **grade 2 step H, table 1**. Any member not on dues check off shall maintain their dues (1) year in advance. Motion carries with a voice vote.

#### Unfinished Business none

#### New Business

- LoEne Simpson moved that the Branch fund LoEne Simpson to attend convention in Los Angeles. POI everyone who qualified, was nominated, and was able to go is attending convention. POI is there room available. Amy Ellis in Ogden has half a room available in Branch 68. POI Sharla Groves would like to know whether this motion is in compliance with the National Constitution. LoEne can be funded, but cannot be a voting delegate, according to Parliamentarian Bob Jewell. Motion carries with a voice vote.
- LoEne Simpson move to donate the \$2200 returned to the Branch from Auxiliary 8 to the Labor Day picnic fund. Mike Wahlquist called the motion out of order. To be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting and then next month's meeting.

#### **Good of the Association**

- Jayne Hogan was notified that the USPS is no longer installing cluster boxes due to them not being ADA compliant. The concrete pad must be poured to be ADA compliant.

#### **The Improvement of the Service none**

**Adjourned** called by the chair

Door Prizes

\$25 Travis Richeson & Vicki Pfeiffer

Progressive Retirees \$175 Lavon Christensen (not present) next month \$200

Progressive A \$300 Ed Curiel (not present) next month \$325

Progressive B \$200 Larry Focht (not present) next month \$225