

NALC Branch 111

Minutes of the regular Union Meeting

September 8, 2016

Convened at 6:37

Pledge of Allegiance by Phillip Rodriquez

Minutes of the August 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 Lance Henrie

- Rachel Huett, Matthew Gualtieri, James Gero, Spencer Arnold, Chelsea Johnson, Preston Burchett, Orem Bongomin, Gwendolyn Flores, Richard Savee, Pilar Vargas, Adam Tobler, Demyon Nicholas, Riad Rajmond, Jered Klepitch, Kevin Knaus, Matthew Cawfod, Sani Mauigoa, Douglas Ostergaard, Samuel Huff, Brian Foley, Guiomaa Irvin, Anel Conica, Woodriff Nicol

Food Drive by LoEne Simpson no report

LCPF Monte Jones no report

Organizer by Jay Reupena no report

MDA

- LoEne Simpson reported as the chair of the Labor Day Committee that the AFL-CIO needs more volunteers from every union, the labor day picnic is a lot of work. The proceeds from the booth go to MDA. Over 600 burgers were sold and 200 chili dogs. There are some leftovers, if you would like to purchase at cost, see LoEne. Roughly \$2500 was raised for MDA, after costs. \$415 was raised at the raffle at the steak fry.

Legislative by Chad Mortensen

- Just met at the State Capitol with Phillip Rodriquez, the USPS attorney, Karen Mayne, Jason Chaffetz' chief of staff, and various state government agencies, to discuss utilizing the USPS for government services in which the USPS would be compensated for costs. Everyone is on board except the USPS attorneys.
- HR 5714 is a bipartisan bill giving the USPS the authority to negotiate at a State level. It also has language forcing business addresses into NDCBU.
- Everybody needs to give to LCPF, without it we have no voice, we contribute to those who support our issues.

Trustees by Chad Mortensen

- Met last night to catch up after convention and Chad was away at Labor College. Attended 4 classes offered by National with Jennifer Ogden while at convention, the trustees are learning and growing.

Mutual Benefits Association and OWCP Terry Ehlers excused

Health Benefits by Jimmy Kerekes

- NALC provides a healthcare packet for the CCAs. The MBA has a hospital plan and the health benefits plan offers programs for weight loss and smoking cessation. Open Season starts in November, information is on line.
- The class on retirement offered at National Convention discussed situations that can harm you in retirement, triple check before you retire. TSP class by the end of the year.

Safety and Health by Rick Watson

- Continue to be attentive, watch for kids, don't drive with the door open, and be careful.

Retirees by

- New retiree Johnnie Johnson received her watch.
- Joe's passing was sudden and a surprise. He served longer than any other Director of Retirees, and was the best; he's left some big shoes to fill. The retirees' dinner will be 4:00 PM next Thursday. Retirees' are projected to receive a .2% COLA
- Has training available on FERS and CSRS retirement, call or email if interested.

Treasurer by Mike Madsen

- There has been turmoil over how much we make, Madsen will explain every penny I asked. A budget is set at the first of the year. Branch 111 has liquid assets of \$200,000 because we have spent less than we have made for years. Has a problem with people asking to add to the spending after a budget has been set.

Vice President by Lance Henrie

- Carriers have been treating other carriers poorly, going to management, don't bad mouth other carriers to the boss, it causes division.
- Will be at Branch 111 offices every Wednesday and Thursday after work, should anyone need anything.

President by Michael Wahlquist

- It has been an honor working with Joe, worked together since 2003, he had a big heart.

- Been busy with CCA conversion orientations, another 18 converted on September 3. Management trying to get ahead before the Christmas season.
- Bountiful still a hot spot, Andrea is worse; Sean Anderson is the new steward. Magna is as well, Joe Horsley has been filing grievances.
- The pavement pounder will include a convention report, with highlights. The focus was on CCA, work hours, benefits, leave, penalty rate, a \$22 starting hourly wage, as well as disciplinary action void when converted to regular.
- Dues decrease to be reported on in the pavement pounder.

Special Orders

- Nominations or delegates to the 2017 State Convention: Amie Gallo, Jimmy Kerekes, Kitt Robertson, Chad Mortensen, Cassandra Last, Mike Simonsen, Monte Jones, Joan Larsen, Eric Grotepas, LoEne Simpson, Stan Hawker, Alan Nagata, Bob Valdez, Steve Warren (declined), Keith Warner, Jay Reupena, Rachael Burton, Kim Mortensen, Bob Jewell, Mike Miller, Jennier Ogden, Bev Arnason, Heather Harrison, Mike Wahlquist, Lance Henrie, Brent Bray, Kirk McLaughlin (by proxy)

Unfinished Business none

New Business

- LoEne Simpson moved to donate the \$2200 returned from Auxiliary 8 to the MDA. **POI** Do we plan to start another Auxiliary? Jennifer Ogden moved to table the motion, postpone indefinitely. Motion Fails. Question called on original motion, motion fails with a division 21 for 25 against.
- Joe Horsley moved to be funded to attend formal A and beyond training in Baltimore Maryland. Motion fails with voice vote.
- Bruce Morgan moved to endorse Mia Love in her race in the fourth district. Motion Fails.
- John Groves moved to name the upcoming retirees dinner the Joe Zabriskie memorial retirement dinner. Motion Carries with a voice vote.
- It was asked whether our bylaws require us to give the Auxiliary \$1000 each year, they do.

Good of the Association

- MDA picnic dinner next month, all proceeds go to MDA.
- FEGLI open season this month, forms are available.
- Chad Mortensen thanked LoEne Simpson for the Labor Day Picnic and her hard work.

The Improvement of the Service none

Adjourned called by the chair 8:26 PM

Drawing Winners

- \$25 door prizes Sean Anderson & Christopher Zambos
- Retirees \$200 Sterling Bascom (not present)
- Progressive A Union Meeting \$325 Jeanette Long (not present) next month \$350
- Progressive B Union Meeting \$225 Michael Hansen (not present) \$250