

## **NALC Branch 111**

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

February 9, 2017

**Convened at 6:35**

**Pledge of Allegiance** by Phillip Rodriquez, notified the body that those whose dues are in arrears ay not vote

**Roll** by Kimberly Mortensen

**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 Lance Henrie

- Matthew Berardy, Stormi Dawn Hass, Lyndon Taotha, Mugdim Fitazovic, Kolby Newton, Jared Taylor, Russell Anderson, Ryan Carr, Ian Houseal, Jennifer Michelle McBride, Timothy Wanke, Dillon Head,, Maria Cenicerros, Janus Fenton, Dan McCampbell, Jackie Hartley, Christopher Sundwall, Edward Miller, Michael Clark, Neatha Lobsan,

**LCPF** by Monte Jones not present

**Organizer** by Jay Reupena

- There has been a big group of new hires for January, 14 of 16 joined in one class.We need to come together to be strong.

**MDA** by Macy Chapman

- Just accepted the position, looking forward to working and volunteering.

**Legislative** by Chad Mortensen

- Chaffetz is having a town hall meeting tonight, it's full and lines are out the door.
- AFL-CIO is hosting the labor caucus in the state legislature, Mike Wahlquist went two weeks ago, Phil went this week. There is a bill that is anti collective bargaining.
- SB 56, introduced by Karen Mayne would allow the USPS to work with state services, Jason Chaffetz will introduce a bill allowing states the right to work through the USPS. The NALC is fully supporting, the bill would help alleviate the prefunding, we are not 100% happy with all aspects.

**Trustees** by Chad Mortensen

- Jennifer Ogden resigned, met with the new Trustee yesterday, Joan Larsen, a long time officer. Would like to audit with Mike Madsen present.

#### **MBA Compensation** by Terry Ehlers

- There is still no status with 210 workers, charges have not been filed.
- If you call and nobody answers, leave a message, will call back.

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

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

- Always close your door and wear your seatbelt. Safety meeting next Thursday. There have been reports that the turn by turn directions are unsafe.

#### **Retirees** by Mike Miller excused

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

- Budget was passed out and reviewed. We have 230,000 dollars in cash as of December 31, 2016, a budget has been added for 2 MDA officers (Macy Chapman & Terry Ehlers) also the steak fry is budgeted to be catered with a bar.

#### **Vice President** by Lance Henrie

- Has been in the office this week, we are at 120 grievances for the year. Management has been avoiding progression in many cases, going straight to a removal. Be safe wear your seatbelt and get FMLA protection for absences.

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

- Impressed with the grievances, we have had more removals than we have ever seen, all but one have been put back to work.
- The district manager met and is committed to safety, wants joint safety stand ups has ensured sand, cleats, salt and head lamps are readily available.
- If the budget is passed, the steak fry will be held at the Little America.

#### **Special Orders**

- Mike Madsen moved to pass the budget as written with the exception of any line items anyone wished to discuss. Motion carries, the following line items were held out: LoEne Sipson, legislative. Chad Mortensen AFL-CIO dues, Bravant Haslam, Steak Fry, Kimberly Mortensen retirement watches, John Groves, yearbook, Kimberly Mortensen Organizing. Do we need to add to the legislative budget the 2015 shows \$29,000 spent on legislative. \$3,000 should be enough. Chad Mortensen moved to increase to \$4500. Motion carries with a voice vote. Steak Fry, Bravant Haslam, What have we been spending before? Last year \$4016 plus we get \$10

each reimbursement. What do we anticipate or this year? \$5850. How much has been paid in wages to those helping in years past? About 20 hours. It was moved and seconded to accept the steak fry budget. Kimberly Mortensen oved to increase the retiree watch budget to \$2000, motion carries with a voice vote. Motion carries. John Groves asked, what kind of a yearbook, it was discussed to charge a cursory amount so that only those that want them get them. It was moved and seconded to reduce the budget from \$10,000 to zero. Motion fails with voice vote. Organizing, the \$200 is for non employee bounties. There is an additional \$500 for employee (officers, stewards) bounties.

**Unfinished Business none**

**New Business none**

**Good of the Association**

- Phillip Rodriquez, we have been working on LCPF, Nationally it is at a record low due to people retiring. It is important to talk to people and sign them up. Mike Wahlquist thanked Phil, Chad, Kim and Monte for their work on LCPF.
- LoEne, resigned as food drive coordinator, thanked everyone for their support.

**The Improvement of the Service none**

**Adjourned** called by the chair 7:55 PM

**Drawing Winners**

- \$25 door prizes Aaron Saxon & Eldon Buttars
- Retirees \$75 Hal Farr (not present) next month \$100
- Progressive A Union Meeting \$450 Alan Bradbury(not present) next month \$475
- Progressive B Union Meeting \$350 Lee Mortensen (not present) next month \$375