

NALC Branch 111

Minutes of the regular Union Meeting

October 12, 2017

Convened at 6:37

Pledge of Allegiance by Phillip Rodriquez

Moment of Silence for Chris Quinonez

Roll by Kimberly Mortensen

Minutes of the September 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

- Michael Hawk, Quinci Hambrick, Tianna Nielsen, Vanian Merha, Mystina Weaver, Tomislav Tojcic, Maroni Stewart, Margaret Travis, Christian Avellaneda, Kyson McBride, Michael Alt, Jason Steinmetz, Sandio Castio, Daisy Brown, Heidi Pluas, Stewart Redd, Jared Verde, Roger Peck, Ray Pak, Jayne Handy, Douglas Kirby, Michelle Edvalson, Andrew Wood

The trustees will pass out the ballots for National Convention out of order for the purposes of conducting the election for 2018 Detroit National Convention

Jim Bennett, United Utah Party candidate for the congressional seat vacated by Jason Chaffetz spoke and discussed his platform.

LCPF by Monte Jones not present

Organizer by Jay Reupena

- We are hiring CCAs every week, it's the first contact with the union after hiring on. Eleven out of thirteen in the last class joined, all CCAs have the same goals, make regular and retire.

MBA & Compensation excused

Health Benefits by Jimmy Kerekes

- Next week is the health benefits seminar, health insurance cost are increasing. Open season includes vision and dental.

Safety and Health by Rick Watson

- Be careful, safety is number one. When parking, curb your wheels, put the transmission in park, set the hand brake, dismount with key in hand.

Retirees by Jeff Asay

- The most recent Postal Record, September, Page 12 includes an article written by Jim Edgemon; planning or death, read the article and talk to your spouse and children about your wishes, make a plan and share it. **It was moved and seconded to publish in the pavement pounder, motion carries with a voice vote.**
- Pocket calendars have been ordered, the retirement seminar will be October 26 at 7:00 Pm at the Union Hall.

Treasurer by Mike Madsen no report

- Payroll checks are ready. Everyone should consider running for office tonight.

Legislative by Chad Mortensen

- USPS bills are at a standstill. Carriers from Ogden and Logan met with Congressman Bishop, he was receptive.
- The letter carrier political fund (LCPF) is our voice to talk to congress and senators, Senator Hatch is trying to do away with worker's rights, we need our PAC it is job insurance, \$5 per check, \$2.50 per week is all it takes. They are trying to legislate away our COLAs from FERS and CSRS.

Vice President by Lance Henrie

- We are at 835 grievances for the year so far, with 100 filed in the last month.

President by Michael Wahlquist

- We have withdrawn from the formal A agreement in the Salt Lake Installation, we gave management notice today. Three months ago the Downtown Station was flooded with managers, 15 to 20 a day. The agreement stated that formal a could work at the union hall, it worked well. Management broke the system on purpose and bargained in bad faith. An addendum was added and management allowed us to activate another formal a, leaving Amie Gallo to handle downtown with her counterpart Karen Higgs, Higgs had a ghostwriter doing the work. Management would not allow overtime. Downtown needs an intervention, its being worked on. Today at Labor management meeting, we withdrew. Management has been sneaky and underhanded with Downtown team and plans to go to other stations. Two managers have been going out for one 3999, management wants a witness against carrier. Would like volunteers, especially retirees to go and watch the watcher.
- LMOU negotiations everywhere are open, the Salt Lake LMOU committee consists of Lance Henrie, Mike Wahlquist, Amie Gallo, Chris Zambos.
- We will put our resources wherever this team goes.

Trustees Chad Mortensen

- The trustees met last night, everything looked good.

Legislative

- We need politicians like Bennett coming to us. Jenny Wilkson will be running for Hatch's seat and will be at December meeting. We all need to be contributing to LCPF.
- The central; federation of labor will be having a gun shoot on October 19, Mike Wahlquist, Josh Pope, Chad Mortensen and a Republican from Weber County.
- Download the NALC app on the phone.
- Chris Stewart plans to write a clean bill on Government Services using the USPS and their facilities.
- App to be updated to track hours, since management is overriding so many clock rings.
- Budget resolution passed the house, to eliminate COLA for FERS, reduce CSRS and eliminate the social security make up.
- Convention Election results are as follows: Chad Mortensen (58) Jay Reupena (50) Kimberly Mortensen (44) Amie Gallo (43) Rachel Burton (38) Mike Simonsen (35) Christopher Zambos (33) LoEne Simpson (32) Stan Hawker (32) Cassandra Last (30) Jennifer Ogden (29) Jimmy Kerekes (25) Trey Terry (21) Veronica Rodriguez (21) Alan Nagata (20) Ryan Johnson (20) Beverly Arnason (20) Steve Warren (19) Heather Harrison (18) Tracie Butler (17) Leticia Hernandez (16) Sam Hubble (16) Adam Willden (15) Brent Console (15) Spencer Heinz (15) Keith Warner (11)

Special Orders

- Nominations for Branch Office: **President** Mike Madsen nominated Michael Wahlquist, Phillip Rodriguez nominated Stan Hawker, Rachel Burton nominated Bob Valdez. **Vice President** Christopher Zambos nominated Lance Henrie, Jayne Hogan nominated Amie Gallo, **Secretary** Amie Gallo nominated Jayne Hogan, LoEne Simpson nominated Kimberly Mortensen, Michael Wahlquist nominated Steve McNees **Treasurer** Russ Shosted nominated Jennifer Ogden, Mike Madsen self nominated, Stan Hawker nominated Mike Simonsen **(declined)** **Sergeant at Arms** Chad Mortensen nominated Phillip Rodriguez **(declined)** Nathan Chester Nominated Mike Simonsen, Lance Henrie nominated Steve Warren **(declined)** **Health Benefits** Russ Shosted nominated Jimmy Kerekes, Jennifer Ogden nominated Christopher Zambos **(declined)** Alan Nagata nominated LoEne Simpson **(declined)** **MBA Compensation** Destiney Carrillo nominated Terry Ehlers, Lance Henrie nominated Christopher Zambos **Safety and Health** Phillip Rodriguez nominated Russ Shosted, Lance Henrie nominated Christopher Zambos **Director of Retirees** Mike Madsen nominated Jeff Asay, LoEne Simpson nominated Barrie Frankland **Trustees** Joan Larsen nominated Chad Mortensen, Christopher Zambos nominated Steve Warren, Eric Grotepas nominated Destiney Carrillo, Mike Madsen nominated Kirk McLaughlin, Amie Gallo nominated Chris Shipley, Chad Mortensen nominated Joan Larsen, Amie Gallo nominate Brent Console **(declined)** Kimberly Mortensen nominated Phillip Rodriguez **(declined)**

- An election committee will be appointed, Amie Gallo will get a deadline out to candidates, email your biographical sketch to Amie.
- Bylaw proposal: Article 5 Section 9. Any member asking for expenditures of Branch funds in excess of one hundred (\$100) dollars shall present to the Executive Board his/her proposal. The Executive Board will only make recommendations on requests. Proposals must be submitted at a regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting. **(to read)** Section 9. Any member asking for expenditures of Branch funds in excess of one hundred (\$100) dollars **may** present to the Executive Board his/her proposal. The Executive Board will only make recommendations on requests. ~~Proposals must be submitted at a regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting.~~ Motion fails with rising vote 26 to stopped counting at 18.

Unfinished Business none

New Business

- Jeff Asay move to increase the President 120 fund by \$25,000 POI last week we calculated the costs spent downtown. POI how much money is in our bank accounts? (Mike Madsen) \$255, 000 in checking and savings. Motion Carries with a voice vote.

Good of the Association

- Jayne Hogan, they are replacing pumpkin carts with wire baskets, grieve them, it's not valid equipment. It was grieved and won at B out of Orem.
- Jimmy Kerekes the website to compare health plans is opf.gov.fehb open season is 11/13 thru 12/11
- Address any changes you'd like to see with the Salt Lake LMOU with the LMOU committee.

Improvement of the Service none

Adjourned 8:57

\$25 Door Prizes Jayne Hogan and Shawn Phillips

Retirees \$275 Birdie Miller (not present) next month \$300

Progressive A \$650 Kerry Reeder(not present) next month \$675

Progressive B \$550 Mitzi Unthank (not present) next month \$575