

**NALC BRANCH 111**  
**Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting**  
**April 11, 2019**

**Convened** at 6:36 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** conducted by Mike Simonsen

**Moment of Silence** – for Gary Harward and Philo Searle who passed away.

**Roll Call** by Steve McNees

**Minutes** of the March meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

**Reading of the Communications** by Steve McNees.

- The Sanpete Search and Rescue sent a request for a donation to support their volunteer organization. • We received notice of the April 4th Safety and Health Committee meeting in SLC. • The MDA sent a card announcing the Muscle Walk on May 18, 2019 in SLC. <https://mda.donordrive.com/event/saltlakecity>. • We received a \$246 reimbursement from National for dues we paid for a carrier who was separated but the USPS had not recorded it.

**Application for Membership** by Mike Hansen

New members read in: Elisabeth Hupp, Jessica Cueva, Kaiden Whiteman, Samuel Millar, Bridget Carlson, Pace Colleston, Hailee Morgan, Jorge Alvarado, Christina Ledet, Jessica Davis, Cacey Yeates, Elizabeth Dickman, Ethan Chugg, Joshua Hokett, Stewart Rudd, Thomas Halter Jr., Charles Richardson (sworn in last month), Avi Elliott

**LCPF** by Josh Thibodeau- not present

**ORGANIZER** by Justin Lindquist - not present

**FOOD DRIVE** by Sharla Groves

The Food Drive is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. They will sort cards and bags during the stewards meeting at the old USPS Annex (south of Main PO) at 6:30pm. Volunteers to help are welcome. Pizza will be served.

**LEGISLATIVE** by Chad Mortensen

- The Women in Trades Convention is April 15<sup>th</sup> at the West Valley Culture Center (free). Destiney Carrillo is on the panel. • May 4<sup>th</sup> International Workers Day Rally (SL Co. building – 1pm).

**TRUSTEES** – Chad Mortensen

The Trustees met yesterday and reviewed the books. All looked good.

**HEALTH BENEFITS** by Jim Kerekes

Recommends keeping your government insurance after you retire because it is more secure.

**OWCP, COMPENSATION, and MDA** by Terry Ehlers

Joey Wiscomb: from MDA announced the MDA Muscle Walk on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am until noon. They need volunteers from 6:30am to help with registration and booths. • MDA Summer Camp hasn't been scheduled yet. • Joey is engaged to be married next year.

**SAFETY AND HEALTH** by Chris Zambos – not present

**DIRECTOR OF RETIREES** by Jeff Asay.

- Trump has made a proposal to do away with OPM (our retirement). Each organization would then become responsible for paying retiree's benefits. Probably not a good idea. • Retiree's dinner- maybe at Chuck-a-Rama but looking at other options. Let Jeff know if you have any ideas or preferences.

**Guest Speaker: David Garbett** is running for Salt Lake City Mayor. His main concerns are the future costs of homes/living in SLC, air quality, climate change, and homelessness. He was the former attorney for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (10 years) and executive director of Pioneer Park Coalition (1 year). He would like to go to clean energy within 4 years. Garbettformayor.com

**TREASURER** by Mike Madsen

Last Month: Income \$37,656, Expenses \$41,124 (\$271 meetings, \$800 summer party deposit, lobbying in DC \$1,517, payroll \$23,390, State Convention \$2,841, steward college \$5,148, OWCP training \$687, etc.) with a deficit of \$3,468.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** by Mike Hansen

• Steward College last week (4 days) with 17 of our stewards. • Steward trainings: Wednesday at 6:30pm, at the old USPS annex. There will be JCAM training at the May steward meeting.

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** by Lance Henrie. Excused

**PRESIDENT** by Mike Wahlquist.

• The intervention in Orem is going well. Orem has a new postmaster. • There were no CCA conversion in SLC in March. There may be some in April. • Amazon Prime parcel delivery has reduced the number of parcels being delivered by the USPS in Tooele, Magna, Orem, and Lehi. This has greatly reduced available overtime. • The start time pre-arb settlement says that those with 8:00am start times will start at 7:30. Those with 7:00 and 7:30 start times will remain the same.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Proposed Bylaw Change: *Effective immediately, all references to officer or steward pay shall be changed from Grade 2, Step O, to Grade 2, Step O, Carrier Technician rate, Table 1.* Motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Jeff Asay: *“Adopt a standing rule that we set the time to adjourn for all regular branch meetings at 8:30pm. A motion made by any member and adopted by a majority vote of the body will suffice to extend the meeting.”* The motion passed.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

• It is now okay to put up the food drive banners in all offices.

**FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE:** nothing

**DRAW AND ADJOURN** – 7:50 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Kirk McLaughlin, Mike Wahlquist
- RETIREES – \$ 100 (LaGrand Tremelling was not present). Next month it will be \$125.
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$1,100 (Jenny Woodall was not present). Next month it will be \$1,125.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$250 (Tyler Menlove was not present). Next month it will be \$275.

Donuts: Ron Hermansen, Steven Franz, Gary Thorne,