

**NALC BRANCH 111**  
**Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting**  
**September 12, 2019**

**Convened** at 6:35 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** conducted by Mike Simonsen

**Roll Call** by Steve McNees

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

**Reading of the Communications** by Steve McNees

- We received an announcement that Judy Barnett is retiring after 49 years of service to the Labor Movement and Utah State Federation. President Wahlquist sent her a thank you note.
- A letter and donation of \$100 was sent to President Rolando to help fund his goal for the MDA Topgolf Tournament.
- We received notice of Route Inspections to be conducted in the West Jordan Office beginning October 26, 2019.
- Allie Diamond, MSW, LCSW, has been announced as the replacement SLC District EAP Coordinator replacing Clark Richards who retired earlier this year.
- Kim Mortensen has appointed Phil Rodriquez as her new Alternate Steward in the 84101/84111 zones.
- \*Two letters from Ben McAdams. One expressing thanks for contacting him and another responding to a request for support of HR 2382, the USPS Fairness Act (prefunding of future healthcare benefits) where he says he “will be sure to keep your thoughts in mind should legislation related to the Postal Service come before me in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.”

**Application for Membership** by Lance Henrie

New members read in: Samana Torn, Aurelio Ocampo

**LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND** by Josh Thibodeau – not present

**ORGANIZER** by Justin Lindquist

Currently a hiring freeze. There will probably be a big wave being hired soon.

**LEGISLATIVE and TRUSTEES** by Chad Mortensen

Ben McAdams was asked to cosponsor HR 2382 to stop retirement prefunding. He is not supporting the bills (yet). Please call him and let him know how important it is for us.

- The NALC Member App is now easier to use. Everyone should download the app to find out what is going on and how to contact your representatives (iPhone and Google apps).
- The Trustees didn't meet because of late work scheduling.
- 2 letters\* from Ben McAdams (failing to give support for HR 2382) were added to communications (see above).

**COMPENSATION and MDA** by Terry Ehlers – On vacation - Jeremy Bailey reported

The Labor Day Picnic was awesome. Roughly \$3,700 was brought in that will go to MDA. Nine members showed up to work all day cooking, serving, etc.

**HEALTH BENEFITS** by Jim Kerekes

Health benefits open season is Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

- He is attending a Seminar next month to find out next year's benefits and changes.

**SAFETY AND HEALTH** by Chris Zambos – no report

**DIRECTOR OF RETIREES** by Jeff Asay

- The Retiree's dinner is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Retiree and one guest (whoever you want) are free.
- The Steak Fry was a resounding success. 66 retirees and guests attended.

**TREASURER** by Mike Madsen – on vacation

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

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** by Lance Henrie

We have filed about 4,500 grievances so far this year. 2,000 were withdrawn from the Orem fiasco. • Discipline is still a big thing. Tardies are currently a problem.

**PRESIDENT** by Mike Wahlquist.

Over 130 people attended the Steak Fry. Selling food at the Labor Day Picnic brought in \$3700 for MDA. We are going to set a record this year on our donations to MDA. It costs \$2,000 to send one kid to camp. Many of the kids say that summer camp is better than Christmas because they get to just be a kid and have fun. We will probably have another event by November so that we raise over \$10,000. • If you are not being treated with dignity and respect, contact your steward. If it feels like they are calling you a liar, contact your steward. • Management is trying to revert routes in offices that have auxiliary routes (to increase the number of auxiliary routes and decrease full-time routes). Let your steward know if they tell you they are planning to revert your route.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

It was posted in the Pavement Pound and Call to Meeting that nominations for National Convention is in October when it should be in September (this meeting). This will be corrected by having nominations tonight and closing them next month. The bylaws now say that all who go to convention get an equal share of the budgeted amount for the convention. We have more delegates allotted for convention than will be running.

**NOMINATIONS FOR NATION CONVENTION** (as of September):

Chris Zambos, Kelly Grater, Jim Kerekes, Mike Simonsen, Chad Mortensen, Kirk McLaughlin, Jeff Asay, Josh Jessup, Clementine Alvey, Bob Jewell, Amy Gallo, Destiney Carrillo, Brent Bray, Blake Mellor. Nominations will continue next month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• A motion was made to get a new/bigger refrigerator for the union office. The motion failed. • A motion was made to send a condolence card and gift card for \$100 to the family of the carrier (Mary Granados) killed in Texas. The motion passed.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

At the Labor Day Picnic, Erin Mendenhall (candidate for SLC Mayor) asked if we would endorse her for Mayor of SLC even though the Central Federation of Labor has already (we are members). A motion for the Branch to support her candidacy was made. The motion passed. • Chad, Mike Wahlquist, Clementine Alvey, and Bruce Morgan will not be at our Union Meeting next month because they will be attending a meet and greet with union friendly politicians at the TNT Gun Range.

**FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE:** none

**DRAW AND ADJOURN** – 7:39 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Marv Jewell and Destiney Carrillo
  - RETIREES – \$ 225 (Harry Condas was not present). Next month it will be \$250.
  - PROGRESSIVE A - \$50 (John Cross was not present). Next month it will be \$75.
  - PROGRESSIVE B - \$375 (Maria Rodriguez was not present). Next month it will be \$400.
  - Brookfield Uniform Prizes - \$25 gift certificates: Destiney Carrillo and Chris Zambos - Pair of socks: Sean Dahl and Jeremy Bailey
- Donuts – Jeff Asay, Marv Jewell, Brent Bray