

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
April 8, 2021

The meeting was conducted remotely using Zoom software.

Convened at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted by Amie Gallo,

Moment of Silence for Roger Wilson 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.

- President Wahlquist received a letter from carrier Ryan Astin. It addressed concerns he has with the Hamilton letter and how changes to the monetary remedies for certain grievances should have different, yet progressive, remedies.
- The Branch received a letter from Steven Franz expressing his appreciation for the 55-year service award he received.
- From the SLC Postmaster dated March 29th concerning the relocation of the SLC Downtown Station. The building lease expires April 30, 2021. City letter carriers will be temporarily relocated to the SLC Carrier Annex at 1795 W 2100 S. • Notice of the Safety and Health Committee meeting was received. It will be held on April 8th at 2:30pm.

Application for Membership by Amie Gallo

Christopher Zambos, Maria Arroyo, Mary Murphy, Lara Cleeland, Christopher Vowles, Mason Carson, Rebekah Braly, Quintin Villareal

LCPF by Josh Thibodeau – not present

MDA COORDINATOR by Jeremy Bailey not present

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen

- HR695 that would repeal the pre-funding, has 257 co-sponsors which is very positive. Call your representatives to get their support. • There is a lot of AFL-CIO trainings going on for union leaders.

TRUSTEES by Chad Mortensen

- The trustees met Tuesday. Very easy, they were all caught up. Next month is reviewing the LM2.

MBA, COMPENSATION by Bob Jewell

- The OWCP director has asked all employees to go on ECOMP (ecomp.dol.gov) and register even though you haven't had an injury or claim. Once registered it is the easiest way to handle future injuries and file CA-1s or CA-2s. Then you don't have to worry about supervisors not handling paperwork properly. • OWCP is going to get friendlier and easier to get claims accepted.

HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

- The Monthly HB newsletter says that about 1 person dies every 36 seconds from cardiovascular disease (about 575,000 per year). Everyone needs to learn how to reduce stress and eat better.

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist

- Only about 20 new CCAs since last month. All are signing up except 1 occasionally.

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Justin Lindquist

The Safety & Health meeting was postponed until April 22nd. • Fill out the 1767 when you feel you have a safety issue. You can call OSHA directly if you feel you aren't getting results. • Take a screen shot of your 1767 and send it to Justin so he can follow-up.

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay – no report

TREASURER by Mike Madsen

- The LM2 was signed and sent in.

VICE PRESIDENT by Amie Gallo - excused

- 691 grievances filed so far this year. • Stewards are being asked to take their completed grievances to the office so they can get recorded and filed in a timely manner. • The mask mandate will remain in effect for the postal service even if local authorities remove the mandate.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT by Mike Hansen - excused

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist

- The Rescue America Act gives 600 hours of leave for any Covid related needs (including getting vaccinated or reactions to vaccination). • Our NBA says to provide any documentation that you are requested to provide. If you are uncomfortable giving medical documentation to your supervisor, you can give it to occupational health nurse.
- Currently they are only authorizing 80 hours of additional sick leave but that should change. Complete the 3971 for Covid issues (stewards have the codes for it). If you are denied the leave for Covid, call President Wahlquist and he will appeal it through the NBA's office. You can get a note from a teacher if kids are schooling at home. • We haven't got our pay raises or backpay from the new contract yet. Hopefully it will get done by May 8th (60 days). • The Summer Party is scheduled for June 26th at the Murray Park Aquatic Center. This is tentative based on the Covid restrictions at the time. •The Steak Fry is tentatively scheduled for August 28th at the Murray Park Pavilion #5.
- It was previously announced we might have an in-person May union meeting. Current restriction probably will not allow that. We will start in-person meetings as soon as mask restrictions are totally lifted. •New phone lines were installed in the office. • The Downtown office move to the annex will tentatively to happen on the 17th. Wahlquist reminded them of the problem carriers had loading because of the bad doors in the annex building. The doors are being replaced to accommodate carts and gurneys. Additional fencing is being added to provide secure parking. Vehicles will likely be moved to the annex on Sunday by other employees. • They are looking at adding portable units for retail sales to be available at the annex.

SPECIAL ORDERS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: none

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE: none

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:10 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Kelly Grater and Sean Phillips- checks to be mailed
- RETIREES – \$325 (William Irvine was not present). Next month it will be \$350
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$425 (James Myers was not present). Next month it will be \$450.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$75 (Beverly Arnason was not present). Next month it will be \$100.