

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
June 8, 2023

Convened at 6:30 pm

The meeting was also broadcast over Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Conducting: Mike Wahlquist, President

Pledge of Allegiance conducted by Mike Wahlquist

Roll Call by Steve McNees

Minutes of the May 2023 union meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

Reading of the Communications – Steve McNees

- Confirmation of room and training payment to attend the NALC Advanced Formal A and Beyond Training in Maryland was received. Destiney Carrillo, Jay Reupena, and Stormy Blood in September and Kim Mortensen in October.
- Delegates to the 2023 AFL-CIO Convention were notified that their registration was paid and credentials will be waiting for them during registration.
- Kortnie Chatterton was appointed as a Trustee to fill the vacancy of Destiney Carrillo.
- NBA Nick Vafiades was invited to attend the annual branch Steak Fry August 26, 2023. He was also sent an invitation to the annual Summer Party on June 24th.
- We received the initial estimates for the costs to install a new HVAC system in our office building. It was \$455,120. Our portion of the cost hasn't been finalized.

Application for Membership by Mike Hansen

- Michael Devico, Jordan Davis

LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND (LCPF) by Josh Thibodeau

- Allotments for LCPF are now working online. This is an insurance policy for political issues affecting our jobs.

MDA COORDINATOR by Jeremy Bailey – not present

- Bowl-a-thon July 16th at bonnwood. The golf tournament is Juneteenth.

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS - Jimmy Fleming – not present

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen

- Chris Stewart has resigned as Representative from District 2. A special election will be held. We need friendly representative who will vote for postal funds, programs, and our issues.
- Becky Edwards is probably running and appears to support our issues.
- Once we know who is running, Chad will interview them and let them know our issues and determine if they agree with our needs. One big issue is providing retirement credit for CCA work before they make career status.
- UPS is going to strike for higher wages. This may help with our current contract negotiations.
- We are “essential employee” but they don't want to pay essential wages

TRUSTEES by Chad Mortensen

- They met last Tuesday.
- Kortnie Chatterton is the new Trustee.
- Of the two months of records reviewed, only one warrant wasn't properly documented, but it was resolved during this meeting.

MBA, COMPENSATION by Bob Jewell – excused

HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

- Some of the new hires can save money if they are under 26 and they can be added to their parents' health insurance.
- There is less than a year before those on Medicare will have to select a new health plan.
- Keep your information up to date on the web.

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist – not present

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Justin Lindquist – not present

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay

- Because of problems advertising the summer retirees' dinner, most were unaware of the date of the dinner. Therefore, we will have another Retiree Dinner in October.
- Retirees should attend the Summer Party (bring your grandkids, it's free). Jeff would like suggestions for prizes.
- Come to the Steak Fry. Jeff will cover the costs for retirees and one guest. There will probably be prizes. Let Jeff know if there are events or activities you would like the retirees to get involved with.
- Please log into your OPM accounts and make sure your passwords and information are up to date. Then if you need help making updates or changes, Jeff will be able to help you.

TREASURER by Mike Madsen - no report

VICE PRESIDENT by Destiney Carrillo

- Stewards training this month (June 21st) will be on Article 25, higher level assignments (T6 positions). Bids after May 21st will count towards your total allowed on the new contract (whenever it gets signed). We are allowed a total of 6 bids per contract.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT by Mike Hansen

- 1,160 grievances filed so far this year. • The Summer Party is June 24th (it was printed wrong in last month's Pavement Pounder). It is 6:15 to 8:15pm at the Murray Aquatic Center (in Murray Park). • Sandy hasn't had any 60-hour overtime violations this last month (1st time in almost 3 years). Things are starting to get better (except for those wanting lots of overtime). • Salt Lake is slowly improving. Salt Lake has 40 CCAs now. They are supposed to have 140. • Some Southern Nevada carriers are carrying mail in Salt Lake. They get paid for travel and living accommodations along with their regular wages.

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist

- The Summer Party June 24th. Aug 26 is the Steak Fry. • Salt Lake is trying to hire but aren't having much luck. West Jordan and Midvale are fully staffed. • We are the primary land owners of our building (suites 14 & 15). Suite 15 is used as a common/training room for the entire building. Years ago, we got an agreement with the Building's HOA that we would not have to pay a yearly assessment for the common room. There is a storage room on the far side that is also ours. • The HVAC (heating, boilers, and everything attached) is from 1972. It is failing (lots of problems). The newest estimates to replace everything is now about \$650,000. Our part of the assessment was \$53,000 but was lowered because they included the training area. Now it is closer to \$33,000 but may be lower. • We have 8 members going to the AFL-CIO Convention. Mike has requested release time for those not retired.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Election of Delegates to the AFL-CIO Convention June 23, 2023.** Nominees are Kirk McLaughlin, Chad Mortensen, Jim Kerekes, Kim Mortensen, Mike Simonsen, Mike Hansen, Keith Warner, Trey Terry. All were elected by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We have been assessed \$32,985.18 for the new HVAC system. This won't go up, but it may be lower. Motion by the Executive Board: to cover the Union Building's assessment of \$32,985.18 for a new HVAC system. The motion passed. • They are trying to get started on the construction by August.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chad needs to know if there are letter carriers willing to volunteer to help with the branch food booth at the Labor Day Picnic and Car Show at the Magna Park. For about 20+ years our branch has provided hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and more for the picnic. All the proceeds go to MDA (cost of the food we provide and the money we receive from selling it). This is the biggest union event in Utah. Volunteers: Jimmy Fleming, Connor Lawrence, Daniel Langton, Adam Barnes, Jim Kerekes, Destiney Carrillo. Maybes: Mike Hansen, Chad Mortensen, Jeff Asay, Alan Nagata.

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE:

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:28 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Alan Nagata and Gareth Davies
- RETIREES – \$150 (Howard Ford was not present). Next month it will be \$175.
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$550 (Michael Munteer was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$575.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$450 (Jenny Woodall was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$475.