

## Union Meeting Minutes August 4, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Kenneth Lerch began by stating "I'm sad to announce that Union Brother Steve Woltz (Out of Germantown) passed away on July 19, 2010. Steve was the President of the Union at Kensington for many years and I always read his scribe articles. Steve also served on our Executive Board for many years. He was a long time Union member and he will be greatly missed. Please- MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Steve Woltz. The member were then given an opportunity to say something in remembrance of our Union Brother Steve Woltz.

Thanks to Bert Weisner for the food, and drinks, at tonight's meeting.

Guest(s) in attendance.... Silver Spring Carriers.

- 1) Roll Call- All Officers present , except for Don Lewis, Kevin Abernathy, and Raj Babra.
- 2) Minutes- from the July Meeting. Motion by Mike Hotovy to dispense with reading the July Minutes and accept them as written and distributed, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Sergio Lemus. Motion Carried.

### 3) Communications

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. Sept 1, at 7:00 p.m.  
(Nominations for Officers and delegates to the 2011 State Convention in Ocean City, Maryland.)
- B) Next Executive Board is Wed. Aug. 25, at 6:30 p.m.
- C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m.  
(Note change due to the National Convention.)
- D) Grievances of note. Read by President Lerch.
- E) Clockrings after 1800. Please continue to give these to your Steward's for Window of Operation grievances.
- F) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. COLCPE coordinators are Shearly Shawn and Tom Preston.
- G) Comments and suggestions were solicited for the newsletter and web site? No comments were made. The web address is [www.nalc3825.com](http://www.nalc3825.com)
- H) OWCP training has been moved to Sept. 26 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at D.C.'s Union Hall.
- I) Tonya Detrick communication dated July 12, 2010. Read by President Lerch. All the dates for next years training are already done. This is the earliest the dates have ever gotten to us and we thank Tonya Detrick for this. She has been doing a fine job as our State President and a terrific job as our Union Step B Representative.
- J) E-activist dated July 15, 2010. (Write letters to the Postal Regulatory Commission) Read by President Lerch. "5 day is the wrong way." SAVE 6 DAY PER WEEK DELIVERY!
- K) NALC Bulletin dated July 9, 2010. Read by President Lerch. President Rolando said that cutting Saturday delivery would be " A Blunder of the first Order ."
- L) Dowdy comm. Dated July 14, 2010. Read by President

Lerch. Talked about extreme heat and that reasonable caution should be used.

- M) Julian Adams (Branch 292, Flushing, N.Y.) Food for thought part 2. Why we deserve a \$10,000 RAISE!!! Read by President Lerch.
- N) Emergency Suspension arbitration win out of Baltimore, Md. Read by President Lerch.
- O) E-activist dated July 23, 2010. (HR 5746). Read by President Lerch. Talked about financial solvency.
- P) Richard Koritz (Ex President of Greensboro, NC) Letter to Rolando asking for picket at Convention in support of six day delivery and the public Postal Service. Read by President Lerch.
- Q) Grievance settlement on call-backs. Read by President Lerch. He will read this at every meeting.
- R) New non-member list read (WE ARE 96.9% unionized!!!!!!)
- S) NALC Bulletin dated July 27, 2010. Read by President Lerch.

4) Application for Membership- None

6) Committee Reports

- A) Picnic- Kevin Abernathy is our picnic coordinator. Kevin and the entire committee hit a home run. The picnic was fantastic! President Lerch had the committee stand and lead an applause for the committee.
- B) MDA bowling fundraiser coordinator is Shearly Shawn. Shearly gave a sum-up. Only Two people participated.

7) MBA Report- None

8) Health Benefits Report- None.

## 9) New Business

A) 31 Delegates have been elected for the National Convention. Also, you must be present for 75% of the meetings prior to the Convention in order to qualify for any reimbursement (Art. 5 Sec.3 of our branch by-laws.)

NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN ANAHEIM, CA. AUGUST 9-13, 2010.

There is a \$500.00 cap for individuals going to the National Convention. You must make your own transportation and lodging plans. Please come up for your Credential Cards when called. Delegates came forward to receive cards. Please take a copy of the Convention workshops. Delegates came forward for these as well.

B) JARAP (Any Questions or comments?) Dale Hart, at the National level (NALC Director of City Delivery) ruled against us on our appeal concerning the DEAT team compromising on our street times. The Union DEAT'S name is Rob Babb. This was discussed by President Lerch.

C) Five biggest mistakes concerning retirement. Passed out by President Lerch.

D) Any Problems with the carrier expectation worksheets? Some branch members made comments.

E) The Following were excused from tonight's meeting:

1)Mike Butz by, Tom Preston. 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Mike Hotovy. 2) Kevin Abernathy by Sergio Lemus. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by, Ismael Lemus. 3) Jermaine Graham by Bert Weisner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Sergio Lemus. 4) Raj Babra by Gary Kirwin. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by, Viktor Fraker. 5) Arlene Galang by, Mark Baker. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by,

Ismael Lemus 6) Beth Parsons by, Sergio Lemus.2<sup>nd</sup>. by, Hugh McElroy. 7) Don Lewis by Tony Gatling. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by, Felicia Whitaker. 8) Tyrone Butler by Bobby Grier. 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Charlene Walker. All were passed by motion.

10) Improvement of Service- None.

11) Good of the Association- None

## 12) Treasurer's Report

A) Given by Gary Kirwin. Motion to accept by Buzzy Denell,2<sup>nd</sup>. By Mike Hotovy Motion carries.

## 13) Motion to Adjourn

A) Motion to Adjourn by, Buzzy Denell 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Shanelle Lewis. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas A. Preston  
Recording Secretary, Branch 3825