

## **Union Meeting Minutes- April 7, 2010**

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to Bert Weisner for the food and drinks for the meeting.

President Lerch welcomed the guests, Carriers from Silver Spring, Wheaton and Bethesda.

- 1) Roll Call- All officers present except Recording Secretary Thomas Preston.
- 2) Minutes from March Meeting- Motion by Beth Parsons to dispense with the reading of the Minutes, 2nd by Mike Shawn- Motion Carried.

### **3) Communications-**

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. May 5th at 7:00 P.M.
  - B) Next Executive Board Meeting is Wed. April 28th at 6:30 P.M.
  - C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. April 14th at 6:30 P.M.
  - D) Grievances of Note were read by President Lerch.
  - E) Clockrings after 1800 on the street are needed to establish the absence of a "window of operation". Please tell your steward of any after 1800 hour carriers so they may request the clockrings.
  - F) Please sign up for COLCPE. COLCPE Coordinators are Shearly Shawn and Tom Preston.
  - G) Discussion of the last Unity Newsletter and the Web site at [www.nalc3825.com](http://www.nalc3825.com)
  - H) Discussion of the Steve Fairfax case- there has been communication from the District Attorney and Amy Campain is working on it. President Lerch is planning to also call the D.A. to discuss the latest rulings.
  - I) Down to 481 Active branch members. Please sign up any non-members.
  - J) Discussion on NALC Bulletin dated March 12, 2010.
  - K) Discussion on NALC Bulletin dated March 26, 2010.
  - L) Food Drive May 8th- Shearly Shawn has been designated as the Branch Coordinator. Coordinators for each office are needed.
- 4) Application for Membership- Buddy Henkel (retiree).

## 5) **COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

- A) Picnic Committee- Kevin Abernathy is looking for volunteers for the picnic and for the picnic committee. Volunteers are needed for set-up, throughout the day and for Clean-up. Any help even for an hour is appreciated. A date for the picnic has not been set as of yet. Kevin will let the Branch know the date as soon as it is selected.
- B) MBA Report – None
- C) HB Report- None

## 9) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) National Convention in Anaheim California, August 9-13, 2010- 31  
Delegates have been elected. Delegates must be present for 75% of the meetings prior to the Convention in order to qualify for any reimbursement. (Article 5, Section 3). There is a \$500.00 cap for reimbursement expenses for individuals going to the National Convention.
- B) MIARAP- the promised MIARAP revisits were cancelled when Management pulled out of the process abruptly. Routes are overburdened and Art 8 is being violated in some of our cities due to the shortage of staff and the overburdened routes. Strategies for dealing with the resulting mess were discussed, along with information on putting in for Special Inspections. Please read President Ken Lerch's article in the last Postal Record on MIARAP.
- C) Lobby Day is April 21, 2010. Any Denied Leave slips are to be given to President Lerch so that the NBA Tim Dowdy can be notified.
- D) NALC Fact Sheet between Senator Durbin and PM General Potter on the 75 Billion was discussed. PM General Potter stated that if the 75 Billion was given back to the USPS, they would NOT have to go to 5 day delivery.
- E) Discussion on National President Rolando's letter, dated March 17, 2010, which was sent to all Carriers.
- F) The first grievance on Mgt's Instruction to take lunch between 11:00am and 1:00pm is going to Step B. Each installation is sending one up.
- G) Mgt conducted a 3 day training session on excessing and FSS implementation. Rockville mgt. is predicting the need for 80 less carriers. Discussion ensued on exactly how many of Mgt's grand predictions came true and the general consensus was...not many.
- H) Discussions on Art 8.5g and non-ODL's forced to work in violation, the "Expectation sheets" and mgt's new way of estimating mail volume.
- I) Motion by Kevin Abernathy to excuse Clariza Turner, 2nd by Izzy Lemus –

Motion Carried.

J) Motion by Tim Smith to excuse Mike Curley, 2nd by Howard Gross- Motion Carried.

K) Motion by Mike Butz to excuse Thomas Preston, 2nd by Theo Anthony- Motion Carried.

L) Motion by Natasha Coleman to excuse Shanelle Lewis, 2nd by Kevin Abernathy- Motion Carried.

M) Motion by Naginder Singh to excuse Raj Babra, 2nd Chester Crews- Motion Carried.

N) Motion by Sergio Lemus to excuse George Abid, 2nd Howard Gross- Motion Carried.

O) Shearly Shawn thanked Charlene Walker for her hard work in signing up so many people for COLCPE. She has done a great job and the Branch thanks her.

P) Tim Smith went to the Advanced Physical Medicine and rehab center in Arlington, VA who specialize in OWCP cases and wanted everyone to know that he was very impressed with their knowledge and expertise on handling CA2 claims. Anyone who needs a brochure for these Doctors can call the Union office to get one.

10) Improvement of Service- None

11) Good of the Association- None

12) **Treasurer's Report**- Motion to accept the report by Chris Lively, 2nd by Mike Hotovy- Motion Carried.

13) Motion to adjourn the Branch Meeting at 8:30 PM, by Sergio Lemus, 2nd by Charlene Walker- Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Campaign