

## **Union Meeting Minutes- May 5, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Thanks to Bert Weisner for the food and drinks for the meeting.  
President Lerch welcomed guests, carriers from the Wheaton ( Silver Spring )  
Post Office.

- 1) Roll Call- All officers present except for Kevin Abernathy.**
- 2) Minutes from the April Meeting- Motion by Mike Shawn to dispense with the reading of the Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Mike Butz- Motion Carried.**

### **3) Communications**

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. June 2<sup>nd</sup>. At 7:p.m.**
- B) Next Executive Board Meeting is Wed. May 26<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30p.m.**
- C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. May 12<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30 p.m.**
- D) Grievances of note- Read by President Kenneth Lerch.**
- E) Clockrings after 1800 on the street are needed to establish the absence of a "window of operation". Please tell your Stewards.**
- 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 NON-MEMBERS. We are 97.1 percent unionized. This is remarkable for an open shop!**
- I) Effective Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The starting time for Potomac and Rockville Main Office is 8:00 a.m.**
- J) Discussion about Management issuing discipline for the time it takes between MSP scan points. This is a violation of M-01458.**
- K) Discussion on NALC Bulletin dated April 16, 2010.**
- L) Non-Member list. We are at 97.1 % organized.**

**4) Application for Membership- Richard Burrill, Steril Fox Jr., and, Eric Schjolin ( All Retirees)**

### **6) Committee Reports-**

**A) Food Drive.** Shearly Shawn is our Branch Food Drive Coordinator. Shearly gave a brief update on the food drive coming this Saturday, May 8.

**B) Picnic Update.** Kevin Abernathy is our picnic coordinator. Beth Parsons gave an update and the tentative date for the picnic is Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**C) George Abid fundraiser.** Beth Parsons , Shearly Shawn, and, Sergio Lemus. Beth Parsons gave a report and said that there will be a I-pod Nano for the drawing.

**7) MBA Report- None.**

**8) Health Benefits Report- None.**

## **9) New Business**

**A) 31 Delegates** have been elected for the National Convention that will be held in Anaheim, Ca. August 9-13, 2010. Also, you must be present for 75% of the meetings prior to the Convention in order to qualify for any reimbursement. (Article 5 Section 3 of our by-laws). There is a \$500.00 cap for reimbursement expenses for individuals going to the National Convention. You must make your own transportation and lodging plans. Packets passed out at meeting.

**B) President Kenneth Lerch** summarized the COP meeting in Phoenix, AZ. He talked about MIARAP revisits, excessing, falsification of Clockrings, the TE arbitration win discussed and Step B wins concerning TE's being moved from installation to installation, mandatory overtime and Article 8 settlements, management instructions to take lunch between 11:00am and 1:00pm, article 41 Section 3 "O", the Carrier Daily Expectation Worksheet, delivering mail after dark, FSS (Kenneth Lerch and Amy Campain visited an FSS site), Potter's ten year plan including 5 day delivery, etc.

**C) Lobby day** was April 21, 2010. The contingent was addressed by the National officers including President Rolando. President Kenneth Lerch's group visited the offices of Senator Cardin, Steny Hoyer and Chris Van Hollen. Discussed 75 billion overpayment for retiree health benefits, the 5.5 billion payment per year for future retiree health benefits, and the need for 6 day delivery. The Branch members who also attended Lobby Day were: Sergio Lemus, Shearly Shawn, Ismael Lemus, Mark Baker, Viktor Fraker, Charlene Walker, Mike Curley, Erbin Valdez, and Kevin Abernathy.

**D) JARAP fax** by Tim Dowdy was passed out and read at the meeting. Who wants their route evaluated first under JARAP?

- E) JARAP agreement was passed out and discussed at the meeting.  
F) The 23 page interpretation was also passed out and read at the meeting.  
G) Also passed out at the meeting and discussed was the difference between MIARAP and JARAP prepared by Chuck Clark.  
H) The Rockville personnel manager went to 3 days of training concerning excessing. FSS is scheduled to begin in September for many of our units. The Rockville postmaster is predicting 80 less Carriers for Rockville alone!  
I) The following were excused from tonight's meeting: 1) Theo Anthony by Amy Campaign, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Gross. 2) Charlene Walker by Karen Himmelberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ismael Lemus. 3) Kevin Abernathy by Shearly Shawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Baker. 4) George Abid by Sergio Lemus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Curley. 5) Greg Brooks by Burt Weisner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Gross. 6) Jermaine Graham by Don Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shearly Shawn. 7) Shanelle Lewis by Don Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vivian Walker. 8) Clariza Turner by Mark Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlene Galang. All were passed by motion.

#### **10) IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE**

- A) Please purchase tickets for the George Abid fundraiser.

#### **11) Good of the Association- None**

#### **12) Treasurer's Report**

- A) Given by Beth Parsons. Motion to accept by Sergio Lemus, 2<sup>nd</sup>.by Mathew Ackah. Motion carries.

#### **13) Motion to Adjourn**

- A) Motion to Adjourn by Sergio Lemus, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Vivian Walker Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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