

# **Union Meeting Minutes September 1 , 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Guest (s) in Attendance.... Tonya Detrick (State President) and Silver Spring Carriers

**Roll Call** – All Officers present, except for Tom Preston  
**Minutes - From the August Meeting.** Motioned by Sergio Lemus to dispense with reading the August Minutes and accept them as written and distributed , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Parsons. Motioned carried.

## **Communications**

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed Oct 6<sup>th</sup> (7:00 pm.)
- B) Next Exec. Board Meeting is Wed Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. C) Next Steward Meeting is Wed. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.
- D) Grievances of note. Read by President Lerch.
- E) Clockrings after 1800. (Thanks to Shearly Shawn, Clariza Turner, and Shanelle Lewis for their assistance.)
- 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<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm @ DC's Union hall. We had more people attending this training last year than any other branch! We are compensating the members that attend One Hundred Dollars, provided they attend all four hours.
- I) MWC, AFL-CIO endorsed candidates for primaries passed out.
- J) Dowdy comm dated July 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2010. Read by President Lerch
- K) Calif. Labor Fed Resolution on 6 day delivery and USPS read and distributed.
- L) MDA bowling fundraiser Nov 7<sup>th</sup> with the National Officers in VA.
- M) NALC Bulletins dated Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>. Read by President Lerch.

- N) E-mails from other branches around the country asking us for assistance and thanking us for our web site read by President Lerch.
- O) Dowdy comm. Dated Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 2010. Read by President Lerch.
- P) Advance copies of Grievance Summaries ending Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010. (292) Read by President Lerch. These will be in the next issue of Unity.
- Q) Grievance settlement on call-backs. Read by President Lerch.

4) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – One ( Tom Parker) Retiree.

5) Nominations for Officers for NALC Branch 3825 were taken.

Nominees: Kenneth Lerch (President) , Chuck Clark (V.P.) Tom Preston, (Recording Secretary), Beth Parsons (Fin. Sec.Treas.) , Don Lewis (Sergeant of Arms) , Mike Shawn ( Editor ) , Shearly Shawn- Distributor, Tony Gatling- Health Benefits rep, Sergio Lemus- Mutual Benefits rep, Gary Kirwin- Trustee, Kevin Abernathy- Trustee, Robert Weisner- Trustee, Mathew Ackah- Trustee, and Raj Babra- Trustee. All won by acclamation.

The nominations for Delegates to the 2011 State Convention in Ocean City, Maryland are as follow: K. Lerch, C. Clark, T. Preston, B. Parsons, D. Lewis, M. Shawn, T. Butler, M. Ackah, S. Shawn, G. Kirwin, M. Curley, T. Smith, C. Turner, C. Walker, S. Lewis, S. Lemus, R. Babra, H. McElroy, N. Coleman, G. Brooks, A. Galang, K. Abernathy, E. Valdez, T. Gatling, M. Baker, B. Grier, R. Weisner, I. Lemus, G. Abid, T. Mason.

The 2011 State Convention will be held in Ocean City MD.

On the following dates Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2011.

#### 6) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Picnic – Kevin Abernathy is our picnic coordinator. Kevin and the entire committee hit a home run. The picnic was fantastic! Said K. Lerch and asked all to join him in applauding the fine work they did in organizing this major event.
- B) MDA bowling fundraiser coordinator is Shearly Shawn. Shearly gave a sum up. Only two participated and asked for donations by sending a hat around.

MBA REPORT – NONE

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT – NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A) The EB rec that we send Beth Parsons and Gary Kirwin for training by the US Dept of Labor/Office of Labor management Standards on Union finances, LM reporting and Officer Elections and pay them lost time and all expenses. Motioned by M. Shawn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Curley. Passed.
- B) JARAP – The National has agreed to postpone the JARAP adjustments at Gaithersburg Main Office and Rockville Main Office. This was a dispute filed by our branch. We would have lost routes and a whole lot of territory would have been moved around.
- C) The EB rec that we pass a motion for additional \$1,900.00 for this years picnic. Motioned By: S Lemus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: H. McElroy. Passed.
- D) Any Problems with the Carrier Expectation Worksheets? No hands went up.
- E). We need a by-laws committee. ( K. Lerch, C. Clark, B. Parsons, G. Kirwin, S. Shawn, H. McElroy, G. Abid, B. Weisner, K. Abernathy have volunteered.) Last meeting was held Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Wed. 6:30pm @ Union Office. (GEORGE ABID IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE.)
- F) Convention sum up. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN PMG, JOHN E. POTTER. And a brother went to the mic and said to Fred Rolando that to take a note that the motion by Branch 3825 passed unanimously.
- G) Our resolution on Article 41 Section 3 “O” was withdrawn in favor of Buffalo New York's branch 3 resolution which was approved by the delegates. What we spoke on from the convention floor. Our branch chaired the Activist's Exchange where some of the most talented brothers and sisters in the country met to discuss pressing issues.
- H) Businesses for Saturday Delivery. Discussed by Shearly Shawn. The EB took the position that delegates who missed General Sessions should not have any money subtracted from their \$500.00 reimbursement, but are strongly encouraged to attend all the general sessions in the future.
- J) 31 Delegates were elected for the national Convention. --See Kenneth Lerch or Beth Parsons for list.  
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. )

**Improvement of Service – None**

**Good of the Association - None**

## **Treasurer's Report**

**A) Given by B. Parson's. Motion to accept by M. Ackah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Lemus.  
Passed.**

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

**A) Motion to adjourn by I. Lemus 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Shawn. Motion carries. Meeting  
adjourned at 9:15pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mike Butz**

**Fill-in for Thomas A. Preston**

**Recording Secretary, branch 3825**