

Minutes for Union Meeting February 6, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:01p.m.

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

1) Roll Call- All present except Editor Mike Shawn, and Trustees Gary Kirwin and Kevin Abernathy.

2) Minutes from the December and January meetings distributed. Motion to dispense with reading and accept minutes as written. Motion by Shearly Shawn. 2nd. by Clay Baldwin. Motion carries.

3) Communications

A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. March 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

B) Next Executive Board Meeting is Wed. Feb 27, at 6:30 p.m.

C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. Feb 20, at 6:30 p.m. (Note the change due to the Regional Shop Steward training in Bowie, Maryland.)

D) Grievances of note** Read at Meeting.

E) Gaithersburg impasse items. Discussed at Meeting. Lots of hours spent on each item but lost all four items. A special thanks to Chuck Clark for all the work he did in sending off the appeals.

F) Clock rings after 1800. Tell your Steward. This is most important!!!!!!!

G) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. Business Agent has sent a letter to our branch explaining the importance.

H) TE answers from Tim Dowdy. Read at meeting.

I) Thanks to Chuck Clark, our awesome Web site is WWW.NALC3825.com. (Any comments or suggestions?).

J) M-01635 on FMLA. Read at meeting . It seems that They (management) are trying to make this process as difficult and frustrating as possible.

K) NALC Bulletin dated 01-18-08. Read at meeting. NALC is suing the O.I.G. and the USPS for asking Doctors information about carriers without the Carriers knowledge. Also, COLA (2nd.) \$312.00 so far.

L) Primary for MD. Virginia and D.C. is Tuesday 02-12-08. Go Vote!

M) Complimentary Email about our AWESOME Web site . Read at meeting.

4) Application for Membership.

D. Williams

E. Ankrah

6) Committee Reports.

A) By-laws committee has met numerous times. George Abid-Chairperson , Chuck Clark, Steve Klein, Shearly Shawn, Amy Campain and Ken Lerch. We need another meeting to finish. Will get a date soon.

B) Budget Committee has also had numerous meetings. We need another meeting to finish. Gary Kirwin, Steve Klein, Amy Campain, Tom Preston, Beth Parsons, Bert Weisner, George Abid, Hugh McElroy, and Ken Lerch. Again we will set up another date to meet.

C) Since no one has volunteered to be our food drive Coordinator, Rick Sullivan agreed to head this event up again. Food drive is May 10. This is our branches 15th year.

7) MBA Report- None

8) Health Benefits Report-None

9) New Business

A) The President of the Damascus, Steve Thompson, has notified our Branch that they wished to merge with us. We will vote on this next meeting.

B) Shop Steward training is next week Feb. 12 and 13 in Bowie, Md. The EB rec to send all stewards who have approved leave and pay lost time, mileage and registration. We estimate the cost to be \$531.00 per Shop Steward. Who wants to go and has approved leave? They are as follows, D. Essome, R. Weisner, G. Brooks, T. Bonnett, C. Lively, S. Klein, C. Baldwin, A. Campain, L. Gaynair, S. Shawn, M. Curley, M. Ackah, K. Lerch, S. Lemus. Motion Steve Klein. 2nd Beth Parsons. Motion carries.

C) The EB rec that we allocate \$4,000.00 for two COP meetings this year and send Amy Campain and Kenneth Lerch. Motion to accept by Hugh McElroy. 2nd by Mike Curley. Motion carries.

D) The EB rec that we reimburse Tony Gatling \$357.88 for going to the HB seminar. Motion to accept by Dominick Lignelli. 2nd by Rick Sullivan. Motion carries.

E) Motion by Steve Klein to excuse the following, Gary Kirwin, Mike Shawn, and Jose Herrerrh. 2nd by Hugh McElroy. Motion carries.

F) Motion by Hugh McElroy to excuse Chester Crews and Mike Hotovy. 2nd by Matthew Ackah. Motion carries.

G) Motion by Les Gaynair to excuse Claudia Jimenez. 2nd by Ismael Lemus. Motion carries.

H) Motion by Chuck Clark to excuse Mark Hicks. 2nd by Felicia Whitacker. Motion carries.

I) Motion by Buzzy Denell to excuse George Abid. 2nd by Rick Sullivan. Motion carries.

10) Improvement of Service – None.

11) Good of the Association – None.

12) Treasurers Report

Read at meeting. Motion to accept by Dominick Lignelli. 2nd by Steve Klein. Motion carries.

13) Motion to adjourn

By Buzzy Denell. 2nd by Shearly Shawn. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Preston
Recording Secretary Branch #3825