

Minutes from Union Meeting June 6, 2007

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm.

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

- 1) Roll call – All present except for the Sergeant-at-arms, Health Benefits Rep., and Trustee, Kevin Abernathy.
- 2) Minutes from the May meeting...Motion to dispense with reading them and accept as written and distributed. Motion by Mike Hotovy. Second by Clay Baldwin. Motion carries.

3) Communications

- A) Next Union meeting is July 11, 2007 at 7:00pm. (Take note. This is moved back one week!)
- B) Next Executive Board meeting is Wed. June 27 at 6:30pm.
- C) Next Steward's meeting is June 13 at 6:30pm.
- D) Grievances of note** (We are about 50 behind.)
Grievances read at meeting.
- E) From National – We are 97.5% Unionized!
- F) Clockrings after 18:00. Tell your Shop Steward. June 15 is the Arbitration for Germantown CONCERNING ARTICLE 8.5G AND THE WINDOW OF OPERATION.
- G) Please consider signing up for COLCPE.
- H) Good article by Larry Levy on contracting out. Article was passed out at the meeting.
- I) Labor night with the Nats July 20, help build this. 50 tickets were purchased for the game in the interest of promoting Union Solidarity with all of the other Unions

in the DC area. Sign up list is being passed around. The names thus far going to the game are Jose Heroesrea, Steve Klein, Raj Babra, Bert Weisner, Vy Quack, Kim Tam, Les Gaynair, John Gerken, Mark Baker, Chris Lively, Shearly Shawn, Charlene Walker, Claudia Jimenez, Gregory A. Brooks, Sr., Daniel Essome, Tony Mason, Hugh McElroy, Chester Crews, and Ismael Lemus.

- J) MDA bowling fundraiser June 30. Read at meeting.
- K) NALC Bulletin dated May 24, 2007. Read at meeting. It is about contracting out and Senator Harkin's Bill S. 1457.
- L) Thanks to Chuck Clark, our new website is www.nalc3825.com. (Any comments or suggestions?)
- M) Next issue of Unity coming out as soon as articles are submitted.

4) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

C. Wallace, A. Carpenter, (retirees), L. Levy, T. Sutton, H. Ho, J. Apelin, A. Lutzky, M. Stewart, A. Washington, and L. Barksdale.

6) Committee Reports

- A) Kevin Abernathy – Picnic update. Not here but the Committee is Chester Crews, Sergio Lemus, Ismael Lemus and George Abid.
- B) By-laws committee will meet Wed. June 20 for 1 hr. George Abid – chairperson, Chuck Clark, Steve Klein, Shearly Shawn, Amy Campaign, and Ken Lerch.
- C) Food drive – Rick Sullivan (80,000 lbs of food went to Mana Food, Germantown Help, St. Martins and Gaithersburg help.

7) MBA Report – None.

8) Health Benefits report – None.

9) New Business

D) State Convention. You must write a check for \$50.00 to the Branch before Wed. June 27, 2007 and give the check to Amy Campain or you will not be registered. The Branch will return the check to you after the Convention, provided that you attend the Convention. Amy will make room reservations after June 26, 2007. Delegates meeting needed? No one said yes. Sergio Lemus, Ismael Lemus, Erbin Valdez and Amy Campain are not going.

E) NALC e-Activist dated June 3 on Bill S.1457. Passed out at meeting.

F) More information on contracting out. Passed out at meeting.

G) Amy made a motion to send the UFW a \$50.00 donation and letter of support in their current struggles which include contracting out! Second by Mike Curley. Motion carries.

H) Washington Nats game at a cost of \$300.00 one dollar of which goes to the Union Community Services Agency. This is a Metro Labor Council event called Union Labor night with the Nats! Who wants to go that is here tonight? List passed out at meeting.

I) Congressional breakfast was on May 10 at the Holiday Inn on the Hill. Per diem \$25.00 if you have receipts. Sum up was given at meeting.

J) Special Inspections and performance related discipline. You cannot get performance related discipline while waiting for your special inspection request.

K) Rockville L/M items of note. Information request within

24 hours. The changing of color code tags. Restriction on sick leave evidence requirements. Automatic settlements for Art. 8 violations, etc.

L) MDA bowling Fundraiser is June 30th. Who is going?
See Shearly for details.

M) Motion for \$800.00 for Bluetooth cellphones made by the Vice-President. Second by Hugh McElroy. Call for question by Hugh McElroy. Motion carries. Motion carries to purchase phones.

N) Officers training sum up. Given at meeting.

O) Motion to excuse Steve Klein from meeting by Amy Campaign. Second by Ismael Lemus. Motion carries.
Motion to excuse Dominick Lignelli from meeting by Sergio Lemus. Second by Mike Curley. Motion carries.
Motion to excuse Tony Gatling from meeting by Greg Brooks. Second by Bert Weisner. Motion carries.
Motion to excuse Kevin Abernathy from meeting by John Speich. Second by Clay Baldwin. Motion carries.
Motion to excuse Les Gaynair from meeting by Bert Weisner. Second by Don Lewis. Motion carries.

10) Improvement of service – None.

11) Good of the Association – None.

12) Treasurer's report – None. Dominick is on A/L.

13) Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Mike Curley. Second by Shearly Shawn. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourn 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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