

# Minutes for Union Meeting March 5, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:00p.m.

Thanks to Bert Weisner for the food and drinks at tonight's meeting  
Guest at tonight's meeting union member from Bethesda Branch.

- 1) Roll call- All present except for Editor Mike Shawn and Trustee Mike Curley
- 2) Minutes from the Feb. 6 meeting..... Motion to dispense with reading them and accept as written and distributed. Motion by Sergio Lemus. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Butz. Motion carries.

## 3) Communications

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. April 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- B) Next Executive Board Meeting is Wed. March 26, at 6:30 p.m.
- C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. March 12, at 6:30 p.m.
- D) Grievances of note. Read at Meeting.
- E) Please don't pack up food until after the meeting.
- F) Clockrings after 1800. Tell your Stewards so we can prevail in a WOO case.
- G) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. Business Agent has asked that more in our branch participate.
- H) NALC Bulletin dated Feb. 8, 2008. Read at meeting. Kessler replaces Miller for Board of Gov. Food Drive addressed.
- I) Thanks to Chuck Clark, our web site is [WWW.NALC3825.com](http://WWW.NALC3825.com). Any comments or suggestions?
- J) District's new backing policy Jan. 30, 2008. Comply with this and avoid discipline and get your route cut!
- K) NALC Bulletin dated Feb.22, 2008. Read at Meeting. Addressed Contracting out Moratorium which ends July 31. Also new COLA \$458.00.
- L) Article by our good friend and sister Stacy Drootin who is the long time president of Elizabeth, NJ branch 67. Read at meeting.

- 4) Application for Membership. T. Ankrah, P. Edokobi, M. Grimes, Lam, W. Naing, N. Pearson, J. Saclauso, W. Sun, M. Tchokoyam, W. White, D. Williams, C. Zhao. **WELCOME TO NALC BRANCH 3825!**

## **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. George Abid will announce the date.
- B) Since there are no volunteers for our food drive Coordinator, Rick Sullivan agreed to run it again this year. Food Drive is May 10. Rick is looking for a point person at each station.

## **7) MBA Report.-** None

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

## **9) New Business**

- A) The President of Damascus, Steve Thompson, has notified me that they voted to merge with us. Motion was made with a show of hands, we must count the vote and notify Bill Young of the outcome. Motion to merge by Bert Weisner. 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Les Gaynair. 33 Yeas, 2 Nays. Motion carries.
- B) The Budget Committee met numerous times and we will now pass out our recommendation. Kenneth Lerch personally thanked the members who gave up so many of their nights in hammering out this proposed budget. Gary Kirwin, Steve Klein, Amy Campain, Tom Preston, Beth Parsons, Bert Weisner, George Abid, Hugh McElroy and Kenneth Lerch. Can I get a motion to accept the proposed budget as distributed? Motion by Sergio Lemus. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Mike Hotovy. Motion Carries unanimously.
- C) National Convention in Boston, MA July 21-25. Delegates will receive the \$750.00 reimbursement when they come back with the receipts. If you want to stay at an NALC hotel, the deadline to give Amy Campain your check for \$163.00 is April 2. Otherwise, you must make your own hotel reservations. Bert Weisner has made up a sheet for the delegates. Would you like to say something, Bert? Bert passed out a work sheet for the Convention. There are 31 delegates approved. Herrera, Floyd, Babra, Sergio Lemus, and Abernathy have said that they are not attending.

- D) Sum up of the Shop Steward training held in Bowie, MD Feb 12 and 13. Les Gaynair and others summed up the training and all stated it was the best ever!
- E) Congressional Breakfast is April 30. Please note the new date and new hotel (Washington Court Hotel). Who wants to go? Ken Lerch, Tom Preston, Shearly Shawn, and Mark Baker. NO REIMBURSEMENT. Only the \$40.00 ticket will be paid for by the Branch.
- F) We are in the process of putting out another newsletter. We have 4 articles from Gaithersburg, 3 articles from Rockville and 201 grievance summaries.
- G) MDA campaign. We are registered with NALC headquarters. Shearly Shawn is our coordinator. Bowling is the main way that the branch raises funds.
- H) Chuck gave a brief of FSS.
- I) Moment of silence for Craig Hackey.
- J) Motion to excuse Mike Curley from meeting by Shearly Shawn. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Sergio Lemus. Motion carries.
- K) Motion to excuse Erbin Valdez from meeting by Sergio Lemus. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Steve Klein. Motion carries.
- L) Motion to excuse Chester Crews from meeting by Chris Lively. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Hugh McElroy. Motion carries.
- M) Motion to excuse Mike Shawn from meeting by Steve Klein. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Baker. Motion carries.
- N) Motion to excuse Kevin Abernathy from last months meeting by Kevin Abernathy. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Les Gaynair. Motion carries.
- O) Motion to excuse Dominick Lignelli from meeting by Sergio Lemus. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Ismael Lemus. Motion carries.
- P) Picnic update given by Kevin Abernathy.
- Q) Amy gave a summary of the Rural mail count in Germantown.
- R) Mike Hotovy has volunteered to make a TE new person Info pack.

**10) Improvement of service.** None.

**11) Good of the Association.** Les Gaynair talked about the strike 35 years ago and how far we have come through our struggles. **THAT POSTAL STRIKE SECURED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR US. BEFORE WE HAD COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, WE ONCE WENT 27 YEARS WITHOUT A RAISE!!!!**

**12) Treasurer's Report.** Read at meeting. Motion to accept by Hugh McElroy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Ackah. Motion carries.

**13) Motion to Adjourn** by Les Gaynair. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Brooks. Motion carries. Meeting Adjourned 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas A. Preston  
Recording Secretary Branch #3825