

# **Minutes for Union Meeting May 7, 2008**

**Meeting called to order 7:01 p.m.**

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

**Welcome to the carriers from Bethesda and Silver Spring Post Offices.**

- 1) All present except for Editor, Health Benefits Rep., and trustee Mike Curley.**
- 2) Minutes from the April meeting..... Motion to dispense with reading them and accept as written and distributed. Motion by Chester Crews. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Chris Lively. Motion carries.**

## **3) Communications**

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. June 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B) Next Executive Board Meeting is Wed. May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**
- C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**
- D) Grievances of note\*\* Read and discussed at Meeting.**
- E) NALC Bulletin dated 04-04-08. Read at meeting. Over 6,000 Delegates are already signed up for the National Convention in Boston, MA.**
- F) Clockrings after 1800. Please tell your Steward's to help win our WOO cases.**
- G) Damascus carriers introduced (4 Union Brothers from Damascus at the meeting).**
- H) Please consider signing up for COLCPE.**
- I) Starting times in Annapolis. President of the Branch called. He said the reporting times are now 8:30 a.m. Also 15 carriers starting times are 9:00 a.m.**
- J) Thanks to Chuck Clark, our Web site is [WWW.NALC3825.com](http://WWW.NALC3825.com). ( any comments or suggestions?)**
- K) NBA office has been condemned due to the Tornado.**
- L) NALC Bulletin dated 04-18-08. Read at Meeting. Talked about 3<sup>rd</sup> COLA \$392.00 already. Also, talked about Grievances for July will have extended time limits because of the Convention.**
- M) New District Cell Phone Policy dated 04-11-08. Read at Meeting. We are**

going to grieve this in each installation!!!!!!

N) NALC Bulletin dated 05-02-08. Read at meeting. Talked about Food Drive and the Letter Carrier who saved the babies life.

**4) Application for Membership-** They are as follows. S. Gaddis, D. Holmes, P. Ramirez, A. Walekar, and L. Jones ( Ret.)

## **6) Committee Reports**

A) By-Laws committee has met numerous times. George Abid-Chairperson, Chuck Clark, Steve Klein, Shearly Shawn, Amy Campaign, and Ken Lerch. We have a proposal which will be read by the By-Laws Chairperson, George Abid, under new business.

B) Since no one volunteered to be our Food Drive Coordinator, Rick Sullivan agreed to run the drive again this year. Food Drive is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

C) Picnic update. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 250 pool passes, at Bora Park.

D) MDA Chairperson, Shearly Shawn will discuss the bowling fundraiser to be held on 06-28-08.

**7) MBA Report** None.

**8) Health Benefits Report** None.

## **9) New Business**

A) Committee of President's Meeting. Talked about at meeting. Touched on these topics. Limited Duty, Working ODL's on day off, FSS, Excess from Clerk Craft, Operational Window escalating remedies, FMLA violations, falsifying clock rings, starting times and many other issues.

B) COLCPE. Our coordinators, Shearly Shawn and Hugh McElroy, will be putting together a packet of bills that are in Congress that support Letter Carriers, they will be handing them out when asking people to contribute.

C) National Convention in Boston, Ma. July 21-25. The reimbursement will be up to \$750.00. However, we will receive the reimbursement when we come back with the receipts. If you want to stay at an NALC hotel, the deadline to give Amy your check for \$185.00 was 04-02-08. Otherwise,

**you must make your own hotel reservations. You must put in writing to Amy Campain (04-02-08) if you still want to go to the National Convention. We must send in the delegate registration list. You must have receipts for \$750.00 or more in order to get the full \$750.00 reimbursement!**

- D) Newsletter. We have 160 GRIEVANCE SUMMARIES already typed. We are ready to put out an issue of UNITY, so get your articles in immediately.**
- E) Labor Night with the NATS. No motion to purchase tickets.**
- F) Congressional Breakfast sum up. 50/50 was \$ 1,658.00 Ken discussed the outstanding speech given by Bill Young.**
- G) Officer's Training sum up. Kenneth Lerch gave a brief summery of the training that he, Amy Campain, Beth Parsons, and Steve Klein went to.**
- H) Gaithersburg's second L/M meeting on 04-24-08. Discussed agenda items at meeting.**
- I) By-Laws proposal. The current By-Laws were passed out as well as the proposed changes. Chairperson, George Abid, read the proposed changes.**
- J) A motion was made by Steve Klein to excuse the following Brothers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mathew Ackah. Clay Baldwin, Mark Hicks, Mike Shawn, Mike Hotovy, and Mike Curley. Motion carries.**
- K) The motion for Tony Gatling to be excused from the meeting by Greg Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ismael Lemus. Motion carries.**

**10) Improvement of Service                      None.**

**11) Good of the Association    Kevin Abernathy talked about the rebate tax check. Kevin said that we don't really get the full rebate.**

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

**13) Motion to Adjourn Motion by Chris Lively 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Buzzy Denell. Motion carries. ADJOURNED 9:02 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Thomas A. Preston  
Recording Secretary Branch #3825**