

Union Meeting Minutes April 3, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Current President of Martinsburg and past Executive Board member and a Chief Steward in our branch suffered a stroke recently. Let's keep Carolyn King in our thoughts and prayers.

Guests announced in attendance: Stephen Larkin a Federal workers Compensation Advocate. Also, Carriers from Silver Spring Post Office.

1) Roll Call- All present.

2) Minutes from the Feb. and March Meeting. Motion to dispense with reading the Feb. and March minutes and accept as written and distributed. Motion by, Shearly Shawn. 2nd. by, Mike Hotovy. Motion carries.

3) Communications

A) Next Union meeting is Wed. May 1, at 7:00 pm. (We will be back in our regular meeting place)

B) Next Executive Board meeting is Wed. April 24, at 6:30 p.m.

C) Next Steward's meeting is Wed. April 10, at 6:30 p.m.

D) Grievances of note. Read at meeting by President Lerch.

E) Clockrings after 1800. President Lerch explained WOO. We are doing great. President Lerch thanked Shearly Shawn and Steve Klein for all the work they have been doing, gathering thousands of these clockrings recently.

F) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. Our COLCPE coordinator is Shearly Shawn. This money goes to support legislation beneficial to Letter Carriers and their families and to support candidates that support Letter Carriers. We are asking for one dollar per pay period.

G) Any comments on our AWARD WINNING newsletter or our NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED web site? www.nalc3825.com. The web site has been updated many times recently. President Lerch announced that we are going to put out another newsletter shortly and to have your articles in by Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

- H) New and later starting times. 9:00am @ Diamond Farms, 8:30 Gaithersburg main and Germantown.
- I) Six day mail count schedule. Potomac March 9-22, Gaithersburg Main Office taken off, Montgomery Village April 20-26, Diamond Farms March 2-8 and Twinbrook April or May. Any comments or Questions? None.
- J) City Carrier Assistant (Rights and Benefits brochure) Passed out at meeting.
- K) Untimely pay adjustments. No Grievances! Why not? In the city of Rockville, we have not received a pay adjustment in months and we've had hundreds of monetary settlements.
- L) Letter from L'Enfant Plaza supporting food drive and posters to be put up in postal lobbies. Read at meeting.
- M) Tonya Detrick communication dated March 1, 2013. Read at meeting.
- N) Communication from Steward Ed Collins from branch 902 out of Ocean City, MD, stating that he loves our web site. Read at meeting.
- O) NALC Bulletin dated March 20, 2013. Read at meeting.
- P) New CCA 1187's. Discussed at meeting.
- Q) NALC Bulletin dated April 1, 2013. Read at meeting.

4) Application for Membership- 1) K. Brue, 2) R. Assouramou, 3) M. Walker (retiree) 4) T. March (retiree) 5) H. Gross (retiree) 6) T. Spencer.

6) Committee Reports

- A) May 11 Food drive. Shearly Shawn is our coordinator. Arlene Galang, Steve Thompson, Sergio Lemus, Jeff Bing, and Kevin Abernathy have volunteered to help Shearly. Any others? Also, the cards came in.
- B) MDA committee. Shearly is our coordinator. We will be bowling with Silver Spring for MDA on March 30, 2013 at the Bowl America on Clopper Rd. How did we do? No update was given. Also, Kevin Abernathy set up a tentative date to Bowl for fun and to build camaraderie within the branch. The date is May 18.

7) MBA Report- None

8) Health Benefits Report- None

9) New Business

- A) The EB recommends that President Lerch pick up to 15 people to send to Lobby Day on April 18 and pay a lump sum of \$200.00 each. Motion by Mike Curley. 2nd. By, Steve Klein. Motion carries.
- B) We must negotiate LMU's in our four cities this April. Chuck Clark, Alton Branson, Kevin Abernathy, and President Lerch will be on the negotiating team. We will add Tom Preston for Germantown and Steve Thompson for Damascus as local experts. President Lerch asked the Branch what they wanted added, deleted, or changed in the L.M.U.'s. So far we have received one suggestion.
- C) President Lerch introduced Stephen Larkin who is an expert on OWCP issues and was a postal worker for 41 years. Mr. Larkin gave a presentation.
- D) Steward Training sum-up. Given by Viktor Fraker, Kevin Abernathy, and Bert Weisner.
- E) March 24 rally to save Saturday delivery sum up. President Lerch thanked Bert Weisner, Shearly Shawn, Mike Hotovy, Viktor Fraker (sound set up), Steve Klein, and Jeane for their work preparing for the event (making signs, bringing tables and supplies to the location, etc.) Video on our web site and a good article in the Gazette newspaper. Also, Channel 5 news. Hundreds attended. Overall, the rally was a pretty good success.
- F) National Rap session sum-up. Given by President Lerch.
- F) The following were excused by motion at tonight's meeting. 1) Theo Anthony by, Shearly Shawn. 2nd by, Mike Curley. 2) Tim Smith by, Charlene Walker. 2nd. by, Felicia Whitaker. 3) Don Lewis by, Beth Parsons. 2nd. By, Steve Klein. 4) Arlene Galang by, Mark Baker. 2nd. By, Tony Gatling. 5) Kirkland Walker by, Tim Bonnett. 2nd by, Ismael Lemus. 6) Felicia Whitaker by, Felicia Whitaker. 2nd. By, Mike Curley. 7) Natasha Coleman by, Natasha Coleman. 2nd. by, Ismael Lemus. 8) Sergio Lemus by, Erbin Valdez. 2nd. by, Alan Pico. 9) Shanelle Lewis by, Tim Bonnett. 2nd. By, Felicia Whitaker. 10) Vivian Walker by, Kevin Abernathy. 2nd. By, Mike Hotovy. ALL were passed by motion.

10 Improvement of Service- NONE.

11) Good of the Association- NONE.

12) Treasurer's Report- Given by Beth Parsons . Motion to accept by, Kevin Abernathy. 2nd. by. Shearly Shawn. Motion carries.

13 Motion to Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Shearly Shawn.2nd. by. Viktor Fraker. Motion carries. Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Preston
Recording Secretary, Branch 3825