

Union Meeting Minutes January 2, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. (Had to wait for a quorum)

Guests announced in attendance: Jeane from Silver Spring Post Office.

- 1) Roll Call- All present except for Beth Parsons and Viktor Fraker
- 2) Minutes from the Dec. Meeting. Motion to dispense with reading the Dec. minutes and accept as written and distributed. Motion by, Don Weaver. 2nd. by, Steve Thompson. Motion carries.

3) Communications

- A) Next Union meeting is Wed. Feb. 6, at 7:00 pm.
- B) Next Executive Board meeting is Wed. Jan 30, at 6:30 p.m.
- C) Next Steward's meeting is Wed. Jan 9, at 6:30 p.m.
- D) Grievances of note. Read at meeting by President Lerch.
- E) Clockrings after 1800. We need these to prevail in WOO cases.
- 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 wants to put a newsletter out in about 3 weeks.
- H) NALC Bulletin dated Dec. 24, 2012. Read at meeting.
- I) Letter from CSA dated Dec. 5, 2012. Read at meeting.
- J) Bowling for Gold fundraiser for CSA on Jan. 27, 2013 Any interest? NONE.
- K) NALC Bulletin dated Dec. 5, 2012. Read at meeting.
- L) Email from Pat Baker, President of branch 127, Jefferson City, Mo. Read at meeting.
- M) Any Questions or comments on the e-Activists sent out over last month? Questions answered by President Lerch.
- N) Rolando letter sent to every Senator dated Dec. 11, 2012. Any comments or Questions? President Lerch gave answers.
- O) Letter from National about the May 11, 2013 Food Drive. The branch needs a coordinator. Info must be sent in by Jan. 31, 2013. Any volunteers? None.
- P) Five TE's hired in Rockville (one quit after the first day). Make sure you ask them to join the Union.
Gaithersburg- New TE's NONE.
Germantown- New TE's NONE.
Damascus- New TE's NONE.
- Q) Dowdy letter on the Amazon Test dated Dec. 13, 2012. Read at meeting.

4) Application for Membership- 1) A. Finney. 2) C. Pinkney. 3) C. Lyles (retiree).

6) Committee Reports

A) Budget committee. Has a proposal for new business. Committee members are, Kevin Abernathy, Beth Parsons, Gary Kirwin, Steve Klein, Robert Weisner, Kenneth Lerch, Tom Preston, and Shearly Shawn.

7) MBA Report- None

8) Health Benefits Report- None

9) New Business

A) By-law proposals. George Abid is our by-laws coordinator. All of the by-law proposals were accepted by the National. All by-law committee members were asked to stand and be recognized for their work.

B) The budget committee proposal to the Executive Board passed unanimously. Do we have any questions? President Lerch covered the main points. Motion by Steve Thompson. 2nd. by, Jermaine Graham to accept the budget proposal in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

C) The MLK Peace walk will be on Jan.19, 2013. Passed out info for the march.

D) Passed out the CPWU newsletter.

E) The following were excused by motion at tonight's meeting. 1) Chuck Clark. by. Steve Klein. 2nd. by. Robert Weisner. 2) Kirkland Walker. by. Vivian Walker. 2nd. by. Ismael Lemus. 3) Karim Abdullah. by. Vivian Walker. 2nd. by. Mark Baker. 4) Beth Parsons. by. Steve Klein. 2nd. by. Mike Curley. 5) Felicia Whitaker. by. Theo Anthony. 2nd. by. Mike Curley. 6) Viktor Fraker. by. Ron Miranda. 2nd. by. Steve Klein. 7) Chester Crews. by. Mike Hotovy. 2nd. by. Steve Thompson. 8) Kevin Abernathy. by. Robert Weisner. 2nd. by. Tony Gatling. 9) Marcel Ward. by. Mark Baker. 2nd. by. Tony Gatling. 10) George Abid. by. Shearly Shawn. 2nd. by. Sergio Lemus. All were passed by motion.

10 Improvement of Service- NONE

11) Good of the Association- NONE

12) Treasurer's Report- Motion to accept by, Steve Klein. 2nd. by. Raj Babra. Motion carries.

13 Motion to Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Sergio Lemus. 2nd. by Ron Miranda. Motion carries. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Preston
Recording Secretary, Branch 3825