

## Union Meeting Minutes June 2, 2010

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

Thanks to Bert Weisner for the food, and drinks, at tonight's meeting. President Lerch welcomed guests, Carriers from the Wheaton (Silver Spring) Post Office and Union.

1) Roll Call- All Officers present except for Editor Mike Shawn, Health Benefits Rep. Tony Gatling, and Trustee Kevin Abernathy. (Vice President Amy Campaign has resigned. President Lerch spoke on behalf of the Branch and thanked Amy for her tremendous job as Chief Shop Steward at Germantown and for her incredible passion when representing Carriers. Tom Preston has stepped up to the plate and President Lerch said that he is ready to be a very good Shop Steward.)

2) Minutes- from the May Meeting. Motion by Shearly Shawn to dispense with reading the May Minutes and accept them as written and distributed, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Tyrone Butler. Motion Carried.

### 3) Communications

- A) Next Union Meeting is Wed. July 7, at 7:00 p.m.
- B) Next Executive Board is Wed. June 30, at 6:30 p.m.
- C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. June 9, at 6:30 p.m.
- D) President Lerch read the resignation letter from Amy Campaign.
- E) Grievances of note. Read by President Lerch.
- F) Clockrings after 1800. Please continue to give these to your Steward's. This is very important for any WOO arbitration.
- G) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. COLCPE coordinators are Shearly Shawn and Tom Preston.
- H) Any comments on the newsletter or web site? No suggestions for improvements were made. The web address is [www.nalc3825.com](http://www.nalc3825.com).
- I) NALC Bulletin dated May 14, 2010. Read and discussed by President Lerch at the meeting.
- J) 1000 mile withholding notice out of Chicago. Passed out and discussed by President Lerch.
- K) Article called "Food for Thought" passed out, read, and discussed by President Lerch. This was put together by Julian Adams, a Carrier out of Flushing, NY branch 294. In 1989 there was 17 billion less pieces of mail than 2009.

There were 141,000 less employees in 2009 than 1989 and Carriers are making less money in 2009 than 1989 when adjusted for inflation. SO IS THERE REALLY A FINANCIAL CRISIS OR IS POTTER LYING TO US?

- L) Dowdy's fine writing on miner's tragedy (where 29 miners were killed in an unsafe mine owned by Massey) dated 05-10-2010. Passed out, read and discussed by President Lerch.
- M) Gaithersburg Carrier Kenneth Wright helps customer in need. Article read by President Lerch.
- N) Stacy Drootin, article from Elizabeth, NJ. Passed out, read, and discussed by President Lerch.
- O) NALC Bulletin dated May 14, 2010. Read by President Lerch. Talked about the "Death Spiral" of the USPS and 4 day delivery.
- P) Capital District, National Reassessment Process phase II. Read by President Lerch and discussed. USPS wants to basically get rid of injured workers.
- Q) NALC Bulletin dated May 27, 2010. Read at meeting and discussed by President Lerch. Talks about Medical info released to the OIG and Postal Inspectors and due to the NALC lawsuit, great restrictions have been placed on the OIG and Postal Inspectors.
- R) District Manager Henry Dix has been replaced by James Nemeck. (DM from Jacksonville, Fl).

4) Application for Membership- None.

6) Committee Reports

- A) Food drive sum up by Shearly Shawn our Food Drive Coordinator.(37,781 pounds of food collected).
- B) Picnic- Kevin Abernathy is our picnic coordinator. He has selected July 18<sup>th</sup>. At Bohrer Park. Picnic committee meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Union Office. Anyone who wants to join the committee to help with the picnic? These are the people who volunteered. Felisha Whitacker, Ismael Lemus, Sergio Lemus, Burt Weisner, Arlene Galang, Lisa Barksdale, and Tom Preston.
- C) George Abid fundraiser. This committee included Beth Parsons, Shearly Shawn, Sergio Lemus and Amy Campaign. President Lerch spoke about this event. There was \$2406.00 raised for George Abid and his family.
- D) MDA bowling fundraiser coordinator is Shearly Shawn and the event will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.at 7:30 pm at the Bowl America on Clopper Rd. in Gaithersburg, Md. Shearly Shawn gave a brief talk about this event. Shearly also said that our branch had more bowlers than any other branch last year. You must turn

in pledges of at least \$50.00

7) Health Benefits Report- None.

9) New Business

A) 31 Delegates have been elected for the National Convention.

Also, you must be present for 75% of the meetings prior to the Convention in order to qualify for any reimbursement (Art. 5 Sec.3 of our branch by-laws.) NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN ANAHEIM, CA. AUGUST 9-13, 2010. There is a \$500.00 cap for individuals going to the National Convention. You must make your own transportation and lodging plans.

B) Passed out at the branch meeting was the resolution for the National Convention; this was also passed out at the January meeting where it passed unanimously. Art. 41 Sec. 3 "O". Read and discussed by President Lerch.

C) Regional Officers Training sum up. Given by President Lerch. The training included FMLA, slide show on the state of the USPS, training on JARAP, retirement, new national settlements added to the MRS (Materials Reference System), Treasurer training, and many other items.

D) Any questions on JARAP? President Lerch led the discussion.

E) Any questions on anything? NONE.

F) The following were excused from tonight's meeting: 1) Mike Butz by Tom Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theo Anthony. 2) Chester Crews by Mathew Ackah, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Hugh McElroy. 3) Natasha Coleman by Shanelle Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Howard Gross. 4) Tim Smith by Mike Curley, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Tyron Butler. 5) Kevin Abernathy by Shanelle Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Ismael Lemus. 6) Tony Gatling by Don Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Bobby Grier. 7) Mike Shawn by Mark Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Shanelle Lewis. 8) Clariza Turner by Shanelle Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Charlene Walker. 9) Steve Thompson by Larry Bryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh McElroy. 10) Tony Mason by Mark Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Beth Parsons. The next two members were excused for the month of May. 1) Tyron Butler by Bobby Grier 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Sergio Lemus. 2) Felisha Whitaker by Mark Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Natasha Coleman. All were passed by motion.

10) Improvement of Service- None.

11) Good of the Association- None.

12) Treasurer's Report

A) Given by Beth Parsons. Motion to accept by Tom Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Hugh

McElroy. Motion carries.

13) Motion to Adjourn

A) Motion to Adjourn by Howard Gross, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Bobby Grier. Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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