

UNION MEETING MINUTES December 3, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

THANKS TO Tom Preston and Bert Weisner for THE FOOD AND DRINKS AT TONIGHT'S MEETING...

ANNOUNCE GUEST(S) IN ATTENDANCE...

Tim Dowdy our NBA, Jos Williams Metro Labor Council President who represents locals which represents 150,000 workers in the DC area called Ken Lerch today and stated that he is very ill and is sorry he can't attend but sends his solidarity and best wishes. Tonya Detrick- Step B advocate whose been doing a great job of representing us in our grievances. Also, Tonya serves on the State Exec Board with our State president, Hugh McElroy, who is also ill. Three Carriers from Wheaton Post Office and Dale Wilson and arbitration advocate for region 13 who is also from the Wheaton Post Office.

1) ROLL CALL All present except for Health Benefits Rep. Tony Gatling and Mutual Benefits Rep. Hugh McElroy.

2) MINUTES from the Nov. meeting. MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING THE Nov. MINUTES AND ACCEPT AS WRITTEN AND DISTRIBUTED. Motion by Mike Hotovy. 2nd by Sergio Lemus. MOTION CARRIES.

3) COMMUNICATIONS

A) NEXT UNION MEETING IS Wed. Jan. 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

B) NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IS Tues. Dec. 30 (Tues. because the 31st is New Year's Eve) at 6:30 p.m.

C) NEXT STEWARD'S MEETING IS Wed Dec 10 at 6:30 p.m.

D) Grievances of note.

E) NALC Bulletin dated November 7, 2008. Read at meeting. Congratulations on Barack Obama's victory! Bill Young's quote on the Obama victory was read at the meeting.

F) Clockrings after 1800. Tell Stewards.

G) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. Our COLCPE coordinators are Hugh McElroy and Shearly Shawn. They have packets concerning bills in Congress. Ask them for the packets.

H) New Carrier wage schedule 6-2 (O) \$54,838 per year and new employees and TE's start at \$20.13 per hour!!!!!!!

J) Newsletter (Any comments or suggestions?)

K) Schedule of offices to be adjusted using the Alternate Interim Adjustment Process. Passed out at meeting.

L) NALC Bulletin dated November 24, 2008. Read at meeting. Talks about Interim Route Adjustment Process.

M) COMMUNICATION FROM OUR NBA Tim Dowdy dated Nov. 26, 2008. Read at meeting . Talks about FMLA changes by Bush Administration. Makes FMLA harder to get approval for. Might be last major assault by Bush on the working class before he leaves office.

4) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Mike Seals (retiree), Z. Xu.

5) Kenneth Lerch introduced Tim Dowdy, NATIONAL BUSINESS AGENT FOR REGION 13 TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS AND INSTALL THE OFFICERS OF OUR BRANCH. Tim Dowdy took questions from members of the branch and then installed the officers.

Kenneth Lerch- President, Amy Campain- Vice President, Recording Secretary- Tom Preston, Treasurer- Beth Parsons, Editor- Mike Shawn, Sergeant-At-Arms- Les Gaynair, Distributor- Shearly Shawn, HBR- Tony Gatling, MBR- Hugh McElroy (Mathew Ackah stood in), Trustees- Chuck Clark, Steve Klein, Gary Kirwin, Kevin Abernathy and Robert Weisner.

6) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MET ON NOV. 19 AT 6:30 P.M. AND WILL MEET AGAIN ON WED. DEC. 17 AT 6:30 P.M.

7) MBA REPORT None.

8) HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT None.

9) NEW BUSINESS

A) Thanks to Chuck Clark, we have a packet for everyone on the Interim Route Adjustment Data Instruction Guide. Passed out and talked about at meeting. This is on the web site.

B) Excused from tonight's meeting. Hugh McElroy by Shearly Shawn. 2nd by Mike Hotovy. Motion carries.

Motion by Vince Toquinto and seconded by Rick Sullivan to have the Article 41 Section 3 O bidding before the routes are physically changed. Mike Hotovy made a motion to table this until the next Union meeting in order to get input from the Carriers at the Units. Passed overwhelmingly.

10) IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE None.

11) GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION None.

12) TREASURER'S REPORT – Read at meeting. Motion to accept by Steve Klein. 2nd by Mike Hotovy. Motion carries.

13) MOTION TO ADJOURN – by Theo Anthony. 2nd by Sergio Lemus. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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