

Union Meeting Minutes October 3, 2012

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

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

1) Roll Call- All present.

Moment of Silence for retired union member Tom Wilson, out of Germantown, who passed away September 29, 2012.

2) Minutes from the September Meeting. Motion to dispense with reading the September minutes and accept as written and distributed. Motion by, Mike Hotovy. 2nd. by, Steve Klein. Motion carries.

3) Communications

A) Next Union meeting is Wed. Nov. 7, at 7:00 pm.

B) Next Executive Board meeting is Wed. Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. NOTE CHANGE (HALLOWEEN)

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

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

E) Clockrings after 1800.

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.

H) E-Activist dated October 3, 2012. Read at meeting.

I) Jermaine Graham has resigned as a Potomac Alternate Steward. We want to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her good work.

J) File for the time and a half for working on grievances off the clock. No more double payments for now.

K) NALC Bulletin dated Sept. 24, 2012. Read at meeting.

L) E-Activist dated Sept. 22, 2012. Read at meeting.

M) Dowdy communication dated Sept. 26, 2012. Passed out and read at meeting.

N) Federal Times article "Romney win would likely mean more outsourcing, privatization." Passed out and read at meeting.

Privatization is a code word for UNION BUSTING!

O) Response to the USPS default on pre-funding for future retiree health benefits. Read at meeting.

4) Application for Membership- Retiree, Charles Fowler.

6) Committee Reports

A) Picnic- Kevin you missed a prolonged ovation at previous meetings. Kevin Abernathy was given an ovation and also gave a report.

B) Budget committee needed. So far it will be 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. No report given at this time.

B) CPWU, Communities and Postal Workers United to save the Postal Service first newsletter. Passed out and read at meeting.

C) After discussions with Tim Dowdy, we are adding Lisa Barksdale as a State Convention delegate. If she does not pay the dues she owes within 30 days, she will be dropped as a Union member and will be ineligible as a State delegate.

D) We received \$8,000.00 in checks to be sent to the charity of our choice (CSA, EAF). Now, the vast majority of instances, the Rockville Union time policy is being complied with, Informal A's and Formal A's are now being heard and information requests are being filled.

D) The California Labor Federation passed a resolution to save the postal service. Read at meeting.

E) The following were excused by motion at tonight's meeting. 1) Felicia Whitaker by, Shearly Shawn. 2nd. by, Mike Hotovy. 2) Theo Anthony by, Don Lewis. 2nd by, Mike Curly. 3) Steve Thompson by, Chuck Clark. 2nd by, Robert Weisner. All were passed by motion.

The branch voted to pay Shanelle Lewis one hundred dollars for OWCP training even though she owed the branch 50 dollars and 56 cents. Shanelle Lewis must pay the \$50.56 within 30 days to remain a member in good standing.

10 Improvement of Service- NONE

11) Good of the Association- NONE

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

13) Motion to Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Sergio Lemus. 2nd. by Viktor Fraker. Motion carries. Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Preston

Recording Secretary, Branch 3825