

Union Meeting Minutes October 7, 2009

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

Announced guests from the Silver Spring Branch were at tonight's meeting.

Thanks to Robert Weisner for the food and drinks at tonight's meeting....

1) Roll Call- All Present except for Sergio Lemus.

2) Minutes from the Sept. Meeting. Motion to Dispense with reading the Sept. Minutes and accept as written and distributed. Motion by Mike Hotovy. 2nd. by Mike Shawn. Motion carries.

3) Communications

A) Next Union Meeting is Nov. 4, @ 7: 00 p.m.

B) Next Executive Board Meeting is Wed. Oct 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

C) Next Steward's Meeting is Wed. Oct 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

D) Grievances of note. Read at meeting.

E) Letter to President Rolando Sept. 3, 2009. Ken Lerch has invited our National President to install the Officers at the Dec. 2 Meeting.

F) Clockrings after 1800. Please tell your Steward's. For WOO cases!

G) Please consider signing up for COLCPE. Our COLCPE coordinators are Shearly Shawn and Tom Preston. They have been signing up a lot of people lately. This money goes to support legislation beneficial to letter Carriers and their families, and to support candidates that support Letter Carriers.

H) Any comments on our newsletter or our web site? No comments made.

I) Steve Fairfax has paid some of the money that he owes us, but he still owes tens of thousands of dollars. Amy Campain has been working on this problem so that we can get this money back. This problem arose before we merged.

J) Daniel Essome has resigned as Shop Steward at Rockville Main.

K) New non-member list (low-life scabs). We are at 97.2% organized. We need our members to sign up the few people who are not in our UNION.

L) NALC Bulletin dated 9/18/09. Read at meeting. Talked about HR22, Cleveland Letter Carrier who was murdered, No COLA, and, Letter Carriers are still the most trusted Government workers.

M) Rockville Steward's. Make sure you put in for union training times before Nov. 1!!!! Read at the meeting, Tonya Detrick's scribe article on calendar of events: Jan. 11-12 2010, New Shop Steward's Training. Feb. 08-09, 2010, Shop Steward's Training. May 23-25, 2010, Officers Training. Aug. 09-13, 2010, National Convention.

4) Application for Membership- None.

6) Committee Reports

A) MDA fundraiser sum up of June 27. There were 26 bowlers. The most in the State! (\$390.00 cost) So far \$1064.00 has been raised for the MDA.

B) National MBA bowling fundraiser set for Nov.1. The Branch needs to know if there is any interest. None was shown at the Meeting.

7) MBA Report-None.

8) Health Benefits Report-None.

9) New Business

Kenneth Lerch got up and passed out the 2010 Color-Coded Calendars to the members of the Branch. Amy Campain helped Ken. We will pass out the calendars until they are gone.

A) This passed at the March Union Meeting. Reimbursement for State Convention-\$5,000 divided by the number of delegates with a compensation cap of mileage, hotel, registration plus \$25.00 per day. Everyone makes their own reservations and must have given their \$50.00 to the branch for registration by June 1.

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)

The 42nd. State Convention will be held in Ocean City, Md. Oct. 11-13, 2009.

B) OWCP training conducted by our NBA on Sunday, 09/27/09 at D.C.'s Union Hall Sum-up. Ken gave a brief sum-up. There were over 100 members in attendance. 13 were from our Branch. Also, not only was Tim Dowdy teaching but also, RAA Vada Preston. The training was very good. We paid \$100.00 and mileage for those that went to the training.

Mike Curley also spoke about NRP (Deals with injured workers).

C) MIARAP sum-ups and questions. We have lost 47 bid assignments in IARAP and MIARAP. Adjustment dates: Oct. 19-Diamond Farms, Oct. 26-Germantown and Gaithersburg Main, Nov. 09, Mont. Village and all of Rockville. This is all before FSS. THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!

D) Executive Board made a motion to pay for a new copier at a cost of \$3,917.00. There was a motion made at the meeting by Hugh McElroy. 2nd by Mike Curley. Motion carried unanimously.

E) REMEMBER! The next Union Meeting will be the election for Delegates for the National Convention in Anaheim, Ca. Kenneth Lerch has named Don Lewis, Beth Parsons, and Amy Campain as the Branch's Election Committee.

F) The active dues paying members is down to 495 with over 100 retirees now. The Branch is losing about \$800.00 per month from what we budgeted (Based on 520 active members) We must try to sign up the non-members! This was announced at the last month's Meeting. And, no new members were signed !!!

G) We need a budget committee. The first meeting will be Oct. 21 @ 6:30 at the Union Office. The committee thus far is: Kenneth Lerch, Amy Campain, Beth Parsons, Shearly Shawn, Kevin Abernathy, and Gary Kirwin.

H) Informational picket at District, 900 Brentwood, to protest decrease in

service and closing Post Offices.

I) COP sum-up. Kenneth Lerch talked about President Rolando stayed at the entire session, S1507 (Poison Pill), Sexual Harassment, Sick Leave, Lateness, 8.5gs, Artificial Under time, Vocational Rehab Training, Windows of operation, etc. **BEST COP EVER!!**

J) NRP phase 2. Managements plan is to move out the injured workers for one year (Lie about saying there is nothing for them to do) then fire them. This is not in the context of the ELM 546.142. "Working within Restrictions"

K) Maryland State & D.C. AFL-CIO Convention Oct.29, Executive Board recommended that no one goes. No one at the Meeting objected to this recommendation.

L) The following were excused from tonight's meeting: 1) Charlene Walker by, Shearly Shawn. 2nd. by, Ismael Lemus.2) Sergio Lemus by, Robert Weisner. 2nd. by, Mike Curley.3) Clay Baldwin by, Mark Hicks. 2nd. by, Mathew Ackah. All were passed by Motion.

10) Improvement of Service-None

11) Good of the Association- Les Gaynair (recently retired and 35 year Shop Steward) gave recognition to Kenneth Lerch and Amy Campain for their hard work and dedication to our Branch.

12) Treasurer's Report- Read at the Meeting by Beth Parsons Motion to accept by, Theo Anthony. 2nd by, Mike Hotovy. Motion carries.

13) Motion to Adjourn- Motion by Chris Lively. 2nd by, Bobby Grier. Motion carries. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary, Branch 3825