

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
February 13, 2020

Convened at 6:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted by Mike Simonsen

Moment of Silence: for Garry Nichols who passed away 12/1/2019

Roll Call by Mike Madsen

Minutes of the January meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

Reading of the Communications by Mike Madsen.

- We received a customer complaint from the 84105 zone regarding a verbal fight with his carrier. The USPS gave the carrier a verbal warning and suspended the customer's mail.
- A letter received from MDA to confirm our representative for 2020. A response was sent.
- A letter was sent to inform a physician of necessary information to be included in a member's disability certification.
- Notice of a National Advanced Formal A and Beyond training in September and November.

Application for Membership by Mike Hansen

Gabrielle Muetzel, Jeffrey McNees, Dedee Vecchione, Evelyn Wilkerson, Steven Kline, Mark DeMeester, Clifton Davis, Simon Harmon, Darren Petersen, Crystal Ramirez, Anita Smith, Debra Horner, Anthony Allgood, Ethan Mohler, Bruce Zelnak, Matthew Sampson. • Matt Sampson was sworn in.

Veterans who were present, were given NALC Veterans Patches. Patches are available for those not present.

OWCP, COMPENSATION by Bob Jewell

Bob Jewell was introduced as the new Branch Compensation Specialist. Call him if you have questions or need help, 801-244-0929.

LCPF by Josh Thibodeau- Not present

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist.

Hiring this year has drastically dropped. He doesn't know why. He would like everyone to help get non-members signed up.

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen

- They had a job fair where the unions met with State Legislators. They were able to discuss needed financial controls and all our other talking points. It was good to get their eyes open to current legislation.
- HR 2382 (Fairness Act – Prefunding retirement) passed in the House. Chris Stewart and John Curtis voted against it.
- The primaries are coming up. Vote. Feb 22nd at 9am, at the union hall, there is training to become a delegate.
- S2955 (Fairness Act) now goes to the Senate. Write or call your Senators to vote for this.

TRUSTEES – Chad Mortensen –

They met yesterday. The Department of Labor told the trustees that they should be making notes of everything they reviewed and did. They started this yesterday and now have a record of everything they did (accounts checked, budgets reviewed, etc.).

HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

Jim has NALC health benefits books for those who don't have access to the internet or might be interested.

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Chris Zambos – no report

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay.

The retiree's dinner will be held in late April this year (rather than in the fall). Details will be announced next month. Let Jeff know if you have ideas where to have the dinner.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Mike Hansen

1,339 grievances filed so far this year. Most are contractual such as 12-hour violations. Attendance is still a problem.

• Steward's training is next Wednesday at 6:30pm.

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist.

• Lance Henrie was honored for his service as the Branch Vice President. He did a great job while working long hours. He was given a 1/25 scale 1932 Ford. He said he loved working as the VP. • Steward Elections will be March 30-31. If nobody runs for the position, the steward may be appointed from someone in the unit or outside the unit. • Food Drive – we need a food drive coordinator. The position has 40 hours budgeted with travel reimbursed. You may have to take time off work to attend meetings. You have a management counterpart. You then coordinate the distribution of bags and cards and help coordinate with the Food Bank. Contact the President if you are interested. • The audit report from the Department of Labor came back. They gave a few recommendations but reported no problems. They still haven't returned 5 years of files they took to review.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Initial readings of 2 proposed bylaws changes (voting next month)

• *It is proposed that we eliminate the position of the Executive Vice President in Branch 111, and all attendant references in the Bylaws.*

• *Any approved budget cannot exceed the estimated revenue for the year.*

TREASURER by Mike Madsen –

• The DOL would not tell the branch who the accusers were that initiated the audit of 5 years of records. The auditor said he found no indication of embezzlement by anybody. • Last Month's Finance Report: Income \$25,044, Expenses \$30,583, Net Loss \$5,539

• The proposed budget for this year was presented (copies available). Line items to be discussed were to be held out. Held out: Muscular Dystrophy *\$8,500. It was moved to vote on the budget excluding Muscular Dystrophy. The motion (budget) passed. • It was proposed to change Muscular Dystrophy to \$5,000. The motion failed. It was then voted to approve the \$8,500. The motion passed. The budget was approved as originally presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:43 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Mike Miller and Steve Franz
- RETIREES – \$100 (was not present). Next month it will be \$125
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$200 (was not present). Next month it will be \$225.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$525 (was not present). Next month it will be \$550.