

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
September 9, 2021

Convened at 6:35 pm

The meeting was also broadcast over Zoom for those unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance conducted by Mike Simonsen,

Roll Call by Steve McNees

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

Reading of the Communications by Steve McNees

- We received a letter from the MDA thanking us for a recent gift of \$4,788.00. •Letters of endorsement were sent from the branch, endorsing Darin Mano, Blake Perez, and Sim Gill. •We received notice of the NALC Health Benefit Plan virtual seminar on Oct. 17, 2021 for Branch Officers who are currently enrolled in the plan. •We registered with the National MDA Campaign. • We sent the National MDA a check for \$1,010.00 that was donated at the Steak Fry last month.

Application for Membership by Mike Hansen

Jordan Tolbert, Tara Lundgren, Daniel Ruffin, Wenyi Chua, Mark Gygi, Adrian Diaz Escobar Sanchez, Paulette Foreman, Jacob Turberville, Nicholas Jarman, Rebekah Madsen, Tanner LaBonty, Richard Fryman, Sophia Chrysostom, Faasulusulu Foalima, Joseph Williams, Evelyn Garay, Christine Wilkins

LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND by Josh Thibodeau – not present

MDA COORDINATOR by Jeremy Bailey

- We raised another \$1,000, for a total of \$6,060 for the year. This is a record for the branch. MDA is going to do another Marathon MDA Drive in October. Let Jeremy know if you have any ideas for another fund raising events.

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS - Jimmy Fleming

- Nothing new to report. Nobody has called him lately. If you or anyone you know is thinking of suicide or harming themselves, reach out and get help. The National Crisis hotline is 800-273-8255. Keep an eye on each other.

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen - excused

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TRUSTEES by Chad Mortensen -

Kirk McLaughlin: The semi-annual reconciliation will happen this next month.

MBA, COMPENSATION by Bob Jewell

- Kevin Card's article in the Postal Record tells how Covid is accelerating this year. NALC and OWCP are teaming up to make it easier to get Compensation benefits if you come in contact with Covid. There is a QR code in the article so you can go directly to ECOMP.GOV to get your claim filed and accepted. You do not have to prove that you contracted Covid while at work. Encourage everyone to get registered with OWCP. Supervisors are filling out your CA-1 and CA-2s and making carrier decisions instead of the injured carrier (don't allow this). You can fill out the forms at your supervisor's desk if you want. We suggest having your shop steward present with you.



HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

- A lot has changed in the health plan over the years. The 2022 open season is almost here (November). For those with other than basic Medicare (parts C & D or supplemental plans), if you move out of state and haven't contacted Medicare with your change of address, you may lose your coverage because you are outside the coverage area for your selected plan.

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Justin Lindquist

At the quarterly Safety Meeting

Driving safety. The new driving instructors are going to make sure you have your shoulder strap on while the vehicle is in motion. If you need to, you can take the strap off after stopping to reach out to the mailbox. The shoulder strap must be on while the vehicle is in motion.

It is still hot – keep hydrating. At the October meeting, he will be pushing all of the winter issues.

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist

Justin had surgery last month so not all new CCAs signed up for the union (6 of 8 did). This last couple of months he has signed up all 22. We are over 90% organized with only 90 non-members in the branch.

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay

- The Retiree Dinner is on Sept. 22nd from 3:30 to 5:30pm at the Draper Chuck-A-Rama.

TREASURER by Mike Madsen

- Everything is up to date. The branch Reconciliation is coming up.

VICE PRESIDENT by Amie Gallo –

- Steward training is next week. She is currently quarantined and may not be available next week and may need help with an instructor.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT by Mike Hansen

1,600 grievances so far this year.

16 people on zoom tonight.

The Alaska Rap Session is in a couple of weeks.

Happy birthday Kirk McLaughlin.

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist

- President Biden has mandated all federal employees to be vaccinated. We aren't sure if it applies to us yet. Our NBA says this may apply to us but the USPS lawyers will be involved to get a final answer. We should know in a week or two. We will get the word out as soon as we find out.

Those attending the rap session will need to be vaccinated or wear a mask.

Hospitals report that .004% of dying from covid if you have been vaccinated.

The union is encouraging everyone to get vaccinated.

We would like to have your pictures from the Steak Fry. We were too busy to take any.

SPECIAL ORDERS: none **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: none

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE: Hass Haslam reported that Sweden's postal service is going to every other day delivery of 1st class mail with parcel delivery daily.

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:15 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Bob Valdez and David Johnson (to be mailed)
- RETIREES – \$50 (Michelle Stone was not present). Next month it will be \$75
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$25 (Rebecca Silver was not present). Next month it will be \$50.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$200 (Nathan Fetzer was not present). Next month it will be \$225.

UNION MEETING

Branch 111 Officers

September 9, 2021

Name	Position
X Michael Wahlquist	President
X Mike Hansen	Executive Vice President
Z Amie Gallo	Vice President
X Steve McNees	Secretary
Z Mike Madsen	Treasurer
X Michael Simonsen	Sargeant-at-Arms
X Jimmy Kerekes	Health Benefits Representative
X Bob Jewell	Compensation Spec. / Parliamentarian
X Justin Lindquist	Safety Officer / Organizer
X Jeffrey Asay	Director of Retirees
	Trustee
E Chad Mortensen	Trustee / Legislative Rep
X Kirk McLaughlin	Trustee
E Steve Warren	Editor
	LCPF
X Jeremy Bailey	MDA Coordinator
Z Jimmy Fleming	Director of Veterans Affairs

E=Excused Z=Zoom

OTHERS EXCUSED

Kim Mortensen – working