

**NALC BRANCH 111**  
**Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting**  
**March 10, 2022**

**Convened** at 6:38pm

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** conducted by Mike Simonsen

**Roll Call** by Steve McNees

**Minutes** of the February 2022 meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

**Reading of the Communications** by Steve McNees

**The Letter Carrier's Food Drive is May 14, 2022.** Information on registration and how to coordinate the drive was received from the region office.

**Application for Membership** by Mike Hansen

Lindsay Weber, Kevin Morales, Joseph Gonzales, Madalyn Jones, Jared Ho, Adrian Hussey, Abby Rivera, Adam Rowley, Angelie Anderton, Emily Hinckley, Austin Bowen, Gerasimos Tzakis, Wayne Greenhalgh, Gerardo Acosta, David Leu, Brendon Kelson, Jean Lee, Daniel Langton, Austin Bundy, Adam Ivory

**LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND** by Josh Thibodeau – not present

**MDA COORDINATOR** by Jeremy Bailey • No Report

**DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS** - Jimmy Fleming, not present

**LEGISLATIVE** by Chad Mortensen & Phil Rodriquez

- The Postal Reform bill passed the senate 79-19. All 4 of our House members voted for it. Both Senators voted against it. Mike Lee wanted to amend the bill to restrict any abortion drugs from being mailed. Mitt Romney wanted to mandate the USPS to use the cheapest method of delivery (union busting). He also wanted arbitrators to first consider the financial standing of the post office in all contract negotiations (no raises because the USPS is not allowed to make money).
- Currently there are bills to allow buy back of non-career time and windfall offset for retirees.
- Efforts to rename a post office after Barrie Frankland are ongoing. It will be tough. Only 2 post offices in Utah haven't been named already.
- Evan McMullin is running against Mike Lee. Chad is trying to get him to come talk to us. • **The Republican primary is June 28<sup>th</sup>.** • Becky Edwards, a Republican, supports union principles. • Generally, the one getting the most money, wins. We need to donate to LCPF. It is making a difference. Get involved. Wear your union shirts. • Karen Maynes says she is doing well after her surgery. "She is still as fisty as ever."

**TRUSTEES** by Chad Mortensen

They met Tuesday. Everything was good. An issue with Winzip was cleared up (purchased without completing a warrant).

**MBA, COMPENSATION** by Bob Jewell

- A carrier, who is a disabled veteran, needed surgery for his disability. He would have gotten Wounded Warrior benefits. The problems is it only pays up to 104 hours of benefits. Injured vets still need to sign up for OWCP to pay for anything more than 104 hours. Call Bob for further details.

**HEALTH BENEFITS** by Jim Kerekes

- He has some historical documents that he is adding to the branch's historical files. Family coverage in 1960 was \$5.62 and self-coverage was \$1.61. The union has always come through for us, we have never had a wage loss. Benefits are good also.

**ORGANIZER** by Justin Lindquist – not present

**SAFETY AND HEALTH** by Justin Lindquist – not present

**DIRECTOR OF RETIREES** by Jeff Asay

- OPM is going to two factor authentication for their website. It will make the system more secure. • Postal reform will affect retirees by automatically enrolling all employees in part A, B, & D when you turn 65. It will save members money in the long run by keeping health benefit costs down. Many retirees have opted to not have Medicare coverage. This will require them have Medicare when this takes effect. It will place the post office in a much better position. • **The Democratic party caucus is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Find out if your county is going to be in person or virtual. June 28<sup>th</sup> is the Republican primary. This year the **Retiree Dinner is April 28<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 to 5:30pm at the Draper Chuck-a-Rama. Retiree and a guest are free.

**TREASURER** by Mike Madsen

- The State Assoc. gave us \$401 last month, and we gave the AFL-CIO food bank \$802. We paid AFL-CIO dues of \$7,500. Payroll was \$15,019. We brought in \$36.71 more than we spent.
- For safety reasons, \$40,000 was moved from checking to savings, so it can't be accessed by credit cards (or fraud).

**VICE PRESIDENT** by Amie Gallo - no report

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** by Mike Hansen

- 400+ grievances filed so far this year.
- Sandy is getting more, desperately needed, CCAs.
- The pandemic seems to be lessening but the discipline is getting more.

**PRESIDENT** by Mike Wahlquist

- We can now vote quickly on Zoom using a poll application.
- **The Steak Fry is Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** It is in Pavilion #5 at the Murray Park. The cost is \$10 and you can bring one adult guest.
- The Summer Party will be the end of June or beginning of July. We are waiting for approval of a location with a pool.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

- **The Grace Carol Rocky Mountain Labor School (the last one in the nation) is April 10-15** at the University of Utah. Classes will teach how unions do grievances, budget, keep books, negotiate contracts, do social media, team building, and more. You get to learn how other unions work and what they are going through. Room and board are provided. We have budgeted to send 2 members. **Submit your name to President Wahlquist if you would like to attend.** Spencer Heinz and Amie Gallo have submitted their names so far.
- A motion was made by Jeremy Bailey to donate an additional \$500 to the AFL-CIO Food Bank in the name of Karen Mayne. This was previously presented at the Executive Board Meeting. The motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

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**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:** none

**FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE:** none

**DRAW AND ADJOURN** – 7:53 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Brent Console & Chad Mortensen
- RETIREES – \$200 (Keith Warner was the Winner). Next month it will be \$25
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$175 (Ronald Wasescha was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$200
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$75 (Tracie Butler was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$100