

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
May 12, 2022

Convened at 6:35pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance conducted by Mike Hansen

Moment of Silence for Ralph Allen who passed away March 31, 2021 and Kate Peterson who was hit by a postal vehicle May 3rd.

Roll Call by Steve McNees

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

Reading of the Communications by Steve McNees

- Lannie Chapman is running for Salt Lake County Clerk. She comes from a union family and she believes all eligible voters must have equal access to the ballot through both vote-by-mail and in-person voting.
- Rosie Rivera is running for re-election as the Salt Lake County Sheriff. She has been an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police for over 28 years.
- Both are endorsed by the AFL-CIO and the Central Utah Federation of Labor and would like to meet with us.
- President Rolando sent notice that National Convention delegates and attendees may be required to comply with vaccine mandates and masking and testing requirements. Those not willing to do this may want to re-consider being delegates.

Application for Membership by Mike Hansen

Kelli Laszik, Jesse Williams, Brittany Mathewson, Jose Garcia, Kreek Schultz, Adreean Capulet, Troy Mabey, Michael Lopez, Matthew Mora, Connor Frost, Daniel Soto
Daniel Langton was sworn in.

LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND by Josh Thibodeau – not present

MDA COORDINATOR by Jeremy Bailey

- **June 20th - Branch 68 (Ogden) is hosting a golf tournament.** We have three teams going so far, more would be good.
- **July 10th at noon is our branch bowling tournament.**

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS - Jimmy Fleming – no report.

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen

- Lannie Chapman is planning on being here next month to talk to us. Chad has talked to the sheriff also.
 - Rosemary Lester, a state representative in Ogden, has asked Chad to help her get endorsements. She is interested in our efforts to get state and local government to use postal facilities for doing business.
 - Lannie Chapman is running for county clerk. Her opponent is reported to think that vote by mail is a fraud.
 - The Davis County Clerk reviewed voting integrity and we are doing good. Best in the country.
- Rural carrier president has asked for our help to pass legislation that allows their CCA work to be counted towards their retirement.

TRUSTEES by Chad Mortensen

- The trustees were unable to meet this month. Officers are available for questions from any member about how money is spent or coming in. It is all documented for anyone who wants to set an appoint to review the records.

MBA, COMPENSATION by Bob Jewell – no report

HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

This last open season, we only had 3,331 join our health plan nationwide (2000 are letter carriers).

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist – not present

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Justin Lindquist – not present

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay

- We had a really good retiree dinner. About 95 attended. • **Login.gov** is how you will access OPM for retirees after May 26th. It has 2 factor authentication. It is the way you will access all of your government accounts (Social Security, Medicare, etc) in the near future. Retirees should get signed up quickly so you are always ready. This means you will only have to have one password for all government accounts.

TREASURER by Mike Madsen

- Mike completed IRS form 990 last night. That was the last government form for the year.
- Income from last month was about \$29,000.

VICE PRESIDENT by Amie Gallo - no report

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT by Mike Hansen

- 745 grievances filed so far this year.
- If stewards are getting large blocks of grievance numbers, make sure you don't use a number more than once.
- Josh Jessup (not present) thanked everyone for their help with the food drive. Josh has been doing a great job coordinating this year's drive.
- If you have a social media account, put up a picture/logo of the food drive to remind your friends to donate this year.

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist

- **The Summer / Pool Party is June 18th at the Murray Park pool.** We will have a BBQ, swimming, and activities. Everyone and their immediate families are invited (grandkids are okay too). It is from 6:15pm to 8:15pm at the pool.

July 10th is the Branch Bowl-A-Thon, starting at noon. Lots of fun and the money all goes to MDA.

AFL-CIO Convention is June 17th. Delegates (so far): Jim Kerekes, Phil Rodriquez, Kirk McLaughlin, Chad Mortensen, Keith Warner, Mike Simonsen, Kim Mortensen. Notify Mike before June 1st if you would like to attend.

- **Food drive May 14th** The first one in three years. Just do the best you can.

- On May 3rd, Kate Peterson, 5 years old, was accidentally hit and killed by a letter carrier. The carrier is devastated as well as all carriers in the office. All are getting counseling and need our respect. The gofundme for Kate has a goal of \$10,000, but it has already raised over \$50,000.

SPECIAL ORDERS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Both United and Delta airlines have special prices for those going to National Convention.

- A retiree, who is a veteran, has electric power problems at his house, but he can't afford to get it fixed. He was quoted \$8,000 for a new electric meter. The Executive Board will review a motion to provide funds before the next meeting. We will look for someone to do the work.

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE:

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:31 pm

- \$25 drawing winners were Sean Dahl and Pat Busath

- RETIREES – \$50 (Meri Allen was not present). Next month it will be \$75

- PROGRESSIVE A - \$225 (Melisa Elizondo was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$250

- PROGRESSIVE B - \$125 (Douglas Binkerd was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$150