

**NALC BRANCH 111**  
**Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting**  
**September 14, 2023**

**Convened** at 6:32 pm

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

**Conducting:** Mike Wahlquist, President

**Pledge of Allegiance** conducted by Mike Simonsen

**Roll Call** by Steve McNees

**Minutes** of the August 2023 union meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

**Reading of the Communications** by Steve McNees

- Advertisement for FED-HURT indicating that they are providing medical treatment and claims management for all injured Federal Employees. They will be meeting with branch leaders. They have a letter from an NALC Regional Workers Compensation Assistant commending their work in Florida. [Note, they have no doctors in Utah]

**Application for Membership** by Mike Hansen

- Patrick David, Shade Harvey, Herschel Salt, Raelin Archuleta, Dylan Taft, Juan Mardoniz, Cade Tyrell, Kristie Eacott, Elaine Brimhall, Vanessa Cervantes-Moreno, Amalie Gould, Michael Kent, Emilio Figueroa, Ashley Wall, Ralph Fastje, Jason Lammers, Elly Crittenden, Nicholus Hubble

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Marnie LaFevre – Running for State Congressional District 1, in West Valley. She is a member of AFCME?

Eva Chavez – Running for State Congressional District 4, in Downtown SLC. She has already received endorsement from the Central Federation of Labor.

Joey Wiscomb – MDA Liaison. Thanked those who attended the Labor Day picnic and supported the MDA.

**LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND (LCPF)** by Josh Thibodeau

- Josh has signed up 10 of our newest members. Check your paystubs to make sure your donations to LCPF are still being taken out. There have been some problems with allotments being dropped.

**MDA COORDINATOR** by Jeremy Bailey

- He is grateful for a really good turnout to the Labor Day picnic. \$1,400 was raised for MDA. He will be at the Region Rap Session to raise more money for MDA.

**DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS** by Jimmy Fleming – no report

**LEGISLATIVE** by Chad Mortensen

- If you live in Congressional District 2, get out and vote. You are needed and you need to get heard. Roy city had a good supportive candidate that lost by 15 votes. Union members need to get out and vote so this doesn't happen again. If you have any questions about who is supporting us, call Chad. The two who spoke tonight will help us. Vote, Vote! Get your family to vote. Every vote counts. There are Democrats and Republicans running for office that will support our issues. Find out who they are.

**TRUSTEES** by Chad Mortensen

- They didn't meet this week.

**MBA / COMPENSATION**, by Bob Jewell

- FED-HURT has no offices in our area. We don't recommend contacting them at this time. • An injured carrier was required to fill out a CA-2 and immediately turn it in. This isn't required or best practice. Instead, you should take the CA-2 home, check with Bob about what is needed, and then go to your doctor. Then have Bob help complete your forms. You are not required to turn in a CA-2 on the day of an injury. • If needed, Bob has direct contact with a national officer who can help with proper medical documentation. • OWCP will give extensions if your doctor can't see you within 30 days (you have to request the extensions in advance).

**HEALTH BENEFITS** by Jim Kerekes

- Open season is Nov 13 – Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. • NALC will have health plans for the USPS and other federal agencies. • There have been 9 other postal service plans over the years. Many only cover issues within the area you live (HMO plans). • Call or text Jim if you have questions about the current plan or the 2025 plans. 2025 will have all new programs. • You can write to OPM or other plans to get more information. Most of the info you will need will be in the new handbooks. • Different plans are offering different free help or devices (blood pressure machines and more) to their plan members. Read the conditions before ordering free devices.

**ORGANIZER** by Justin Lindquist – not present

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

**DIRECTOR OF RETIREES** by Jeff Asay

- October 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30pm, is the Retiree Dinner at Chuck-a-Rama in Draper. Bring 1 guest.
- OPM gets backed up in the fall. Don't wait if you have to do business with them.
- Reminder – visit your OPM account often to make sure you can still login.

**TREASURER** by Mike Madsen

- Stormy Blood and others continue to do well with progressive/permissive grievance remedies (that are paid to the branch). \$25,000 of training expenses has been paid by the post office through permissive remedies. Recent awards of \$9,300 have been received.
- Branch income for last month was \$27,000. We received \$900 more than we spent.

**VICE PRESIDENT** by Destiney Carrillo

- Destiney, Stormy Blood, and Jay Reupena are going to Advanced Formal A and Beyond Training program next week in Washington, DC.

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** by Mike Hansen

- Sept 20<sup>th</sup> is the Steward Dinner. The game starts at 6:30pm, you can get there at 5:30pm and you can get food anytime before or during the ball game.

**PRESIDENT** by Mike Wahlquist

- Took care of a couple problems in Magna today.
- Mike is now on our building's HOA executive board. They were able to get most of the former officers back and make changes in the bylaws to make things run more smoothly.
- Rooms for the Rap Session were booked today.

Next month there are nominations for branch officers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Nomination of delegates to the 2024 National Convention:** Kim Mortensen, Amie Gallo, Phil Rodriquez, Josh Thibodeau, Jim Kerekes, Jeff Asay, Bob Jewell, Kortnie Chatterton, Daniel Langton, Keith Warner, Chad Mortensen, Alan Nagata, Kirk McLaughlin, Joe Horsley, Mike Simonsen, Blake Mellor, Mike Madsen, Asaias Ahumada, Trey Terry, Jay Reupena, Brent Console, Connor Lawrence, Spencer Heinz, April Pettley, Tracy Uresk, Stormy Blood, Destiney Carrillo, Alisha Satini, Mike Hansen, Aaron Johnson, Brock Lister, Quincy Mason, Fernando Palafox, Nathan Chester, Robert Cottrell, Joby Clark (need confirmation), Kelly Grater.
- Motion to endorse Marnie LaFevre in District 1 and Eva Chavez in District 4 to the Salt Lake City Council. The motion passed.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:** none

**FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE:**

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- At the steak fry we had people show up with extra people. If this happens again, they won't be turned away but their tickets won't be placed in the drawings.
- Some of the streets downtown will be made into walking streets only. President Wahlquist will follow-up with the Postmaster to see what changes will need to be made.
- Canfield is no longer the postmaster.

**DRAW AND ADJOURN** – 8:05 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Josh Thibodeau and Stormy Blood
- RETIREES – \$225 (Sterling Parker was not present). Next month it will be \$250
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$625 (Kathy Taylor was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$650.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$525 (Greg Walborn was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$550.