

NALC BRANCH 111
Minutes of the Regular Union Meeting
May 9, 2024

Convened at 6:33 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

Moment of Silence: Joe Wood and Jeremy Compton who passed away.

Roll Call by Steve McNees

Minutes of the April 2024 union meeting were posted. Without objection, they will be filed for future reference.

Reading of the Communications by Steve McNees

- The training meeting with Area Management, Region 2 NBA, and our branch has been rescheduled from April 29th to May 20th.
- The contract with Computech to create and maintain cloud storage and access for our grievance files has been signed.

Application for Membership by Mike Hansen

- Courtney Wonder, Simon Pope, Mukhtaar Kulow, Kelly Morris-Matthiesen, Keegon Lund, Colby Roberts, Bryce Jensen, Ryan Fraser, Tanner Hunt, Michayl Chantry, Troy St. Clair, Jackson Sparkman, Jennifer MaiSano, Phyllis Bradford, Christopher Timms, Ethan Howard, Christopher Cleveland, Travis Irvine, Cambree Phommabout, Daniel Sanchez, Brittany Pogue, Vincent Montoya, Chunou Yang

LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND (LCPF) by Josh Thibodeau – not present

MDA COORDINATOR by Nathan Chester – not present

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS by Jimmy Fleming – no report

LEGISLATIVE by Chad Mortensen

- The branch has reached out to many who want to speak to the members of the branch. We also want them to become more labor friendly and find out about us. They talk to these people so that they can know we are interested in them. We want them as friends of labor as they may become high officials in the future. We can't give them money because of the Hatch Act, but they still want our support and endorsement.

TRUSTEES by Chad Mortensen

- They met Tuesday and reviewed the March records. They were probably the cleanest and well put together. The MDA account is a separate account that only has money going into it and outgoing is to MDA only.

MBA / COMPENSATION, by Bob Jewell

- Steward training this month will be about CA-16s and how supervisors are supposed to get them. It will be on Zoom also.
- CA-2s have been done wrong lately because they are completed by the carrier only and submitted to management. Your time limits begin immediately this way. First, you should write your narrative of the injury and then go to the doctor and have them write their narrative. Then complete your CA-2 and then submit all the paperwork. Your time limit then begins. The chances of your claim being accepted goes up exponentially if you do it this way.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Jacob (Jake) Fitisemanu is running for House District 30 (West Valley City). He is currently a Council member on the West Vally City Council. He supports collective bargaining and labor. He is a member of the Public Employees Assoc. He would like our support and endorsement. He agreed with our concerns when told of a few safety issues we have on the streets. He works in social services and community health during the day.

HEALTH BENEFITS by Jim Kerekes

- He hasn't been able to find a complete list of the new Postal Health plans. By October or November, we should know what each option is and how much it will cost.
- NALC Silver Script reimburses \$600 of your yearly part B Medicare premiums. You can mail in a request form or go online to get your refund.
- Jim is doing about 11 orientations each week for new employee orientations, covering many/most offices in the state.

ORGANIZER by Justin Lindquist

- We need to train newer (younger) potential stewards and officers to fill in as needed in the future.
- There is also a need for more alternate stewards at this time.

SAFETY AND HEALTH by Justin Lindquist

- The safety meeting was scheduled for today but management cancelled it.
- Every office in the SLC installation is required to have water bottles. Stewards, let Justin know if you don't have them.

DIRECTOR OF RETIREES by Jeff Asay • No report

TREASURER by Mike Madsen

- In April we brought in \$2,500 in Progressive permissive grievance settlements, income was \$31,384, stewards were paid quarterly wages, and \$12,347 was paid for steward college last month. Total expenses for April were \$52,021. A deficit of \$20,637 for the month.

VICE PRESIDENT by Destiney Carrillo

- Wednesday is steward training. It will be in the big room upstairs with pizza and drinks.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT by Mike Hansen

- 1,058 grievances assigned so far this year. • The food drive is this Saturday. There weren't enough cards and bags for everyone. We need to get them delivered by tomorrow.

PRESIDENT by Mike Wahlquist

- May 20-22 is scheduled for the intervention in the 3 zone. • The agreement for the online migration of grievances and membership was completed. They will be going up on the server in the next week or two. • Stewards and officers will have all the B Team decisions available on the cloud.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

- The Central Fed announced their annual Old Fashioned Labor Day Picnic and Car Show. The Executive Board discussed and recommended we spend \$350 to be a Bronze Sponsor of the picnic and car show. The branches' name would be on the backs of all the T-shirts at the picnic. The E-board recommendation was discussed and a vote taken. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

- Nominations for AFL-CIO Convention (previously nominated: Jim Kerekes, Kirk McLaughlin, Chad Mortensen, Mike Simonsen, Phil Rodriguez, Kim Mortenson). • Keith Warner and Daniel Langston were nominated tonight. It will be held at the Cultural Celebration Center just down the road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion from the Executive Board to spend an additional \$10,000 to fund the National Convention delegates. This amount would come from the Progressive Permissive Grievance training fund. This still won't be enough to fully fund the delegates. The motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Memorial Day –Car Show, food truck, and a ceremony at 11:00am honoring veterans at the Veterans Memorial Park in West Jordan.
- The Branch Summer Party is June 15th at Murray Park.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

DRAW AND ADJOURN – 7:47 pm

- \$25 drawing winners: Shane Johnson and Josh Thibodeau
- RETIREES – \$425 (Sherrie Mehl was not present). Next month it will be \$450.
- PROGRESSIVE A - \$825 (Lance Henrie was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$850.
- PROGRESSIVE B - \$725 (Joel Beyer was not present). Next Meeting it will be \$750.