

Branch Meeting
February 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pat Rothwell

Prayer: Dennis Kaminski

Roll Call of Officers: All present except Joe Roman, Ron Blank (both exc.), and Dave Zavasky.

Minutes from the previous meeting: A motion was made by Joe Shouse to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Joe Glessner seconded. Motion passed.

Sec.-Treasurers' Report: Gary Bluestone gave his report. The auditors were here and have given us a preliminary report. All was good. A motion was made by Joe Glessner to approve the report. Mike Plaskon seconded. Motion passed.

Guest speakers were Cinthia Smith, from the USPS Credit Union and candidate for Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, Pauline Calabrese

Health Benefits Report: Alex Criego said that if you fill out a health assessment, you no longer get the \$40 gift card, but you get other benefits such as healthy rewards, high option vision and hearing discounts, fitness club discounts, etc.

Allegheny County Labor Council: Alex reminded us to be careful what you post on social media. Workers Memorial Day will be on April 28.

MDA: Alex Criego announced the winners of the football poll and urged members to get their blocks early next time! Don't forget to bowl for MDA on May 7th.

MBA Report: no report

Letter Carrier Political Fund: Marilyn Viggiano asked that new members please consider contributing five dollars per pay. Remember elections have consequences.

ACLK parade committee: no report

Safety Committee: no report

Vice President's Report: Pat Rothwell had no report.

Executive Vice President's Report: Randy Ball reported on full disclosure. Giving to LCPF is strictly voluntary. We have been trying to brainstorm ideas to increase participation in our events. We have between 6- 700 members with under three years service. Many of them have no idea what our union does and how we can help them. We have approximately 1600 members in our union. There are about 60 here tonight. We need to reach out to the new members and try to get them involved. If you have any ideas please let us know.

President's Report--Ted Lee reported on the following issues:

- Region 12 training seminar will be held on February 26-28. We will take 15.
- New district manager is Troy Seanor. He is trying to enforce the old policy of no scheduling carriers in on L/O days without his permission. He is also big on discipline, especially for scanning.
- Skipping lunches: we must stop this practice. If you cannot leave early enough to complete a pivot, don't skip your lunches and breaks to do it. If you do, you will most likely get an addition. Inform management via 3996 and request a copy.

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Remember Spring route exams are upon us. No matter what happens via a full-blown inspection or accepting an agreement, once implemented, it is an opportunity to reset and perform your route consistently each day, and include your lunch and breaks.

This is the only way your route will be properly adjusted.

Offices scheduled for route exams are as follows: Monroeville/Pitcairn, Mt. Oliver, Jeanette, Mt. Washington, South Hills, N. Versailles, E.Mckeesport, Allegheny, Corliss, Burgettstown, Brookline, Washington, Cedarhurst and Grant Street.

Trainings will be scheduled in the order that they are to be inspected.

- Branch e-mail address will be changed to nalcbr84@nalc84.org since we no longer have Verizon as our provider.
- MDA bowling event will be held on May 7. It is \$15 per person and each person may bring one guest. Snacks will be available and a buffet will be provided afterwards. The first 50 to sign up will receive free T-shirts.
- CCA conversions (Feb.18) are as follows: Ambridge (2), McKees Rocks (2), Bethel Park (1); (March 4): Aliquippa (2), Canonsburg (1), Baden (1), Coraopolis (2), Glenshaw (1) and Greensburg (3).
- Steward resignations: Bill Kurtz (Sharpsburg), Kevin Smith (Coraopolis), and Georgette Davis (New Brighton)
- New stewards: Dave Richert (Sharpsburg) and Dan Shumsky (New Brighton). Ted appointed Parker Spinnweber as steward of Observatory pending notification from Rocky.
- Safety blitz—every Monday. Remember to follow all safety rules everyday.
- Labor-management meetings—Canonsburg was on February 7. We will jointly address the carriers there on March 9th.

City labor-management meeting was held on February 8th. Minutes have been posted on the website. The next one will be in April (date TBA). Safety meetings should be held in each office on the third Wednesday of each month. If this is not happening, please tell us. L/M meeting to be scheduled in McKees Rocks after the regional training.

- Branch officers training will be held in St. Louis on March 6-9. Pat Rothwell and Paul Mooney will attend.

Miscellaneous: Color-coded calendars--only about 35 left (\$5); We need old uniforms!

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Good of the Association: *Ed Heide informed us that Ron Blank is seriously ill. Please keep him in your prayers. *Mike Plaskon is the Food drive coordinator. We already have a commitment for 500,000 bags (Steelworkers/Int'l. Paper). ACLC and other Labor Councils are working with us to get a possible total of 750,000 bags this year.

Please talk it up in your offices. *Ron Babbie said that the Moose Association is offering volunteer firemen and paramedics a free membership for a year.

50/50 Raffle: Bill Kurtz won \$78.

Next meeting is March 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Viggiano