

FEBRUARY 2024 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order, Motion by Chris Semo to skip Pledge since it is Valentines Day, second by Trevor Payne. Pledge led by Jonathan Barney, Motion to dispense with the prayer, second by Trevor. Val Davis did the prayer. Reading of the minutes, Mark waived reading of the minutes since in the Bulletin. Cannot waive standing committee reports. Trevor Payne read communications: SOE receipt; New Walk Church; Franklin County Children Services, thank you Holiday Wish List fulfilled \$3025; Joan Johnson thanks for pin; read Bills List and nine applications for membership. Welcome them at your stations

Mark Beach: Five of six new stewards had initial training, COP 3/3-5; DC Leg 3/13-14; Reg 11 Training Akron 3/16-17; Retirement Seminar Reg 11 RSVP 4/14; Stewards School 6/25-27 Chris Semo Law Comm nothing submitted.

Val Davis: nice turnout for Valentine Celebration; Next guest from VA; invitation to retirees. Dean Peruzzi HBP: Virtual training 2/4/24, he and Kelsey Crosbie participated on Disability offerings and MBA policies for non career carriers that can be transferred to TSP. No change on Trinity Health.

Kelsey Crosbie Public Relations: COP 3/3-4; Legislative Trip changed to 3/13-14; Training in Akron; Food Drive 5/11; Retiree Lunch Cracker Barrel Grove City 6/4

Gary Porter S&H: rebuilding new manager; daily safety ops, follow SOPs daily. No explanation or details on end result.

Rod Robinson: carriers think they're Amazon drivers IT IS ILLEGAL to PARK ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET! They are informed in Driver training and Academy this is illegal.

Motion to skip reading Treasurer's Report, Ramon Lawson read it. We are looking for a new CPA as of June.

Unfinished Business Any word on our By Law changes; currently under review.

NEW BUSINESS

Ramon did food tonight. Different Officer each meeting responsible for Branch food.

Pfluke last day 1/29/24. New OIC Tim Needham, WV, LM meeting next week haven't met yet. Camilli reported Committee has completed investigation of two of four charges against President Renfro.

Still seeking a mutually accepted Arbitrator. Discussing Segal Report, that Treasury owes USPS \$50 Billion for misallocated funds from the military charged to USPS. Return would negate the excuse they can't afford a decent contract; last six contracts took one to two years to negotiate. Bill Johnson District 6 is not running for reelection, he has been a friend in Congress, cosponsoring any bills we've educated him upon. Brad Wenstrup District 2 is not running. Last week action was requested on HR 82. There is an effort to formulate a bill on Letter Carrier Safety. Ohio is using the same gerrymandered voting district maps again this year. Discussion on need to increase our Letter Carrier Political Fund contributions from 6.7% to 11%, based on size of our Branch. No Branch funds can be used for political contributions. Postal Record acknowledged large contributors by branch. Jacki has two petitions she will be seeking signatures. You cannot discuss LCPF on workroom floor or in uniform. Hatch Act violation. Ramon explained getting Zelle for Branch use; designate contribution; ex: ONT, MDA, etc

Jacki made a motion seconded by Brenda Stidams to send Josie Semo \$100 for taking officer headshots for west wall of Meeting Room. **PASSED**

Trevor mailing last of gold cards; finally up to date after thirteen years, project initiated by Carl Demko; pins every five years after 25 Region 11 Retirement Seminar April 14, 10 AM at our Hall, spouses welcome, must RSVP. Motion by Mark Beach seconded by Jeremy Hirschfelt to spend \$13,000 for Branch Officer Training in DC. **PASSED**

Mark has split the city for Food Drive Chairs Kelsey, Colin and Cory will have districts. Kroger placing notices in employee letters. Trying to get Labor involved in Food Drive May 11.

Motion by Ramon Lawson seconded by Jacki Mitchell to spend \$925 Edwards Building at Franklin County Fairgrounds 9/22/24 tentative date Branch Picnic. **PASSED**

Motion by Dean Peruzzi seconded by Don Shepherd to spend up to \$1200 for a new computer for Todd's office. **PASSED**

Contact Mike Zeller about Chairing Golf Outing with Brenda; securing the Circleville Golf Course for the 2024 Bob Solt MDA Golf Outing.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

HIPP- HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM scheduled to begin in March; deemed interpretive by USPS. Due to injuries and deaths OSHA made it mandatory

Mark Beach made a motion seconded by Colin Starkey to spend \$50 for 100 Food Drive posters, post in Finance Units, stations and businesses. **PASSED**

Kelsey announced branch to begin recycling paper and cardboard; more details to come.

Allan Moore discussed discontent with editing of article in the last bulletin. Made a motion it be reprinted as submitted seconded by Ramon Lawson. **PASSED**

Mike Brim cautioned not to afford differences in treatment. August and September 2023 Bulletins not on website.

Winner last month in Member drawing so starts over with \$50, add \$10 each month. Don Shepherd won the gas card. Lawrence D. Reaves would have won \$50 had he been at the meeting. Adjourned 20:20.

Submitted by

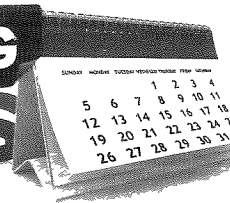
Yana Miller-Farney

**UNIFORM PANTS
NEEDED.
Size 26-36**

If you have any you could donate that are in good condition please send them to the union hall.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Region 11 Rap Session Akron, OH March 16 - 18, 2024

Retirement Seminar In-person RSVP 10 A.M. April 14, 2024

FOOD DRIVE May 11, 2024

Retiree Lunch June 4 2024

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(This is my right under the 1975 U.S. Supreme Court Weingartner decision)