

JANUARY 2024 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Hornyak at 7:33; Pledge by Adam Peters; Invocation by Val Davis. Ramon Lawson waived reading of minutes seconded by Chuck Sanders. ~ **Passed**

Trevor Payne Communications: Earth Angels Foundation, Charity Newsies and VA; twenty-six applications for membership. Welcome to Branch, Nick Webb took Oath of Membership.

Trevor Payne: Bills List

Mark Beach Education: set goals, give stewards four items to present at Plan Fives

Chris Semo Law Comm: Art 7 Sec 2 and Art 5 Sec 11 b; ~ **both PASSED**

Valeria Davis Retirees: No January Meeting, next February 6, 1 PM Valentine Celebration; wear something white, pink or red; bring Valentines to exchange.

Dean Peruzzi HBP: No word on Mt Carmel returning to NALC; BCBS dropping Mt Carmel, announced after Open Season; NALC still in talks with Trinity Health.

Gary Porter Safety & Health: Remind all to be observant, Incident of firearm discharged at East City carrier; management did not respond. Mark Beach signed carrier up through eComp for OWCP. Again requested PM to send scanner msg.

Ramon Lawson: Treasurer's Report; recent Leadership Academy Grad.

Suspended regular order for Installation of Officers by Reg 11 NBA Mark Camilli read Oath, Officers repeated and accepted, passed gavel to Todd Hornyak

NBA Camilli accompanied by RAA Mike Brim and Recent Leadership Academy grad, Ed Walsh Update on selecting Arbitrator, continue negotiating; Crimes Against Carriers rally for Columbus. Legislation: HR 82 (S597), HR 618 (S131); HR 5995 primary bills.

Seeking two National level Arbitrators, comparing availability but negotiations continue.

Crimes Against Carriers, funding provided to hire more federal prosecutors Instruct carriers to invoke Weingarten Rights if questioned by management on accidents or anything that may lead to discipline, request steward present and notify Todd ASAP.

Regular order of business resumed; has National confirmed increase in per diem? Not yet

NEW BUSINESS

Ramon Lawson made a motion seconded by Trevor Payne to spend up to \$3000 to send four delegates to Legislative Conference in D.C. 4/24-25/2024. ~ **PASSED**

Mark Beach made a motion seconded by Jacki Mitchell to spend up to \$11000 to send twelve officers and newer stewards to Region 11 Rap Session in Akron 03/16-18/2024. ~ **PASSED**

PM giving out Safe Driving Awards to 30 year Million Mile Carriers and \$50 gift cards. Todd has been accompanying to present NALC jackets from Branch 78; recently to South Columbus, West Worthington, Beechwold, Oakland Park and Bexley.

TIAREAP rushing to make 5.5 hour changes to Bexley; no edit books, line of travel or labels have been done.

USPS opted in 43223 to take out routes, Branch only wants Special Inspections on overburdened routes

Dean Peruzzi made a motion seconded by John Martin to spend up to \$1100 to send Mark Beach to COP, 3/2-4/2024 in Jacksonville, FL. ~ **PASSED**

National Food Drive May 11, 2024, Kelsey Crosbie volunteered to assist Mark Beach, also Cody Piersol. Attempting

to start earlier with PSAs. Talk up importance in stations

NALC virtual training on LM2 Ramon; Dean National virtual Mutual Benefits training.

In person Retirement Seminar 04/14/2024 at the Hall by RAA Dave Kennedy and Mike Brim, RSVP please, may try to record, no guarantee.

Of 45 delegates 27 qualified to attend National Convention in Boston 2024; announced 2026 in Los Angeles, 2028 in Minneapolis and 2030 in Honolulu. Please complete 3971 if planning to attend, harder to get you released later in unpaid status.

Encourage all, especially new carriers to sign up for Thrift Savings Program (TSP) one third of retirement package; add to account with raises or COLAs.

Trevor Payne made a motion seconded by Gary Porter to send \$350 donation to Earth Angels Foundation Cruise In. ~ **PASSED**

Mark Beach made a motion seconded by Brenda Stidams to send a \$250 donation to Ohio AFL-CIO Sportsman Conservation Dinner. ~ **PASSED**

GOOD of the ASSOCIATION

Mike Brim congratulated Columbus on doing a great job on grievances per DRT, other areas complaining. Kelsey, Allan and Jeremy do great work on Formal As but cases built at Informal, some stewards really need improvement there. Suggestion that stewards inquire every week if any discipline has been mailed recently. Mike Brim stated could be considered fishing; better to ask when submitting grievance to ask if any other discipline has been issued.

Eric Kennedy teased about Michigan screensaver. Any info on getting QR code for donations; not yet.

IMPROVEMENT of the SERVICE Tammy Hinkle Moore won gas card.

Jeff Stiverson of Eastland, won \$190 in Member Drawing; starts over at \$50 in February.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

Submitted by Yana Miller-Farney

ATTENTION

Interested in legislation, want to attend Legislative meetings in D.C.? Inform Todd or Mark at the Hall. You are required to attend the OSA LCCL training February 18, 2024 at the Branch.

Don't wait!

**Washington, D.C. trip
April 24 - 25, 2024**



Retiree Valentine Meeting. February 6, 2024, 1 P.M.

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

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