

MARCH 2024 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 18:30 by VP Mark Beach; Pledge led by Chris Semo; Moment of Silence honoring Jonte Davis of Br 385, killed on route; Invocation by Val Davis. Abbreviated minutes read by Yana Miller-Farney; one correction; Ramon made the motion to reprint Allan's article. Trevor read Bills List, no communications and eight applications for membership. Just introduced in the House by Brian Kirkpatrick, R-PA and Greg Landsmen, D-OH, today, HR 7629 Protect Our Letter Carriers Act, timely after all the assaults, thefts and killing of Jonte Davis. Contact Representatives to co-sponsor and vote for this bill, provisions for minimum sentencing laws, special prosecutors and federal monies per state. Legislative delegation in DC today and tomorrow. Akron trip this weekend, Steward School in June at our Hall.

Chris Semo Law Comm: first reading of By Law change to Article 11 Sec 3. Some By Laws contradicted National Constitution.

Val Davis Retirees: had a change from VA to a Vet sharing some of her experiences through Military and afterward; others shared some of their stories, too. Ms Artisha from OSU My Plate Program will be here in April.

Dean Peruzzi Health Benefits: informed CIGNA will pay for two pair of orthotics a year; also In best interest to sign up for which FEHBP during Open Season, otherwise USPS will select a plan for you. NALC CIGNA will still be an option but you must select your plan even if there is no change. USPS HP starts Jan 2025.

Mark S&H Gary in DC: New OIC Tim Needham restarting street op teams of management and a Carrier, no discipline just advise of errors. Still too many needless accidents, follow SOPs. Ramon Lawson read Treasurer's Report

New Business

Jeremy Hirschfeld Policy Book entries for items we have been doing are being written, Policy Book in President's Office. Decision made after DOL Audit: Jeremy Hirschfeld made a motion seconded by Rick Notts, starting 2024 to purchase NALC jacket for carriers attaining 30 years carrying. **PASSED**

Jeremy Hirschfeld made a motion seconded by Trevor Payne to purchase NALC watch or \$50 gift Card for retiring members. **PASSED**

Motion by Val Davis seconded by Don Shepherd, food purchased for Officer and Retiree meetings not to exceed \$150/month, Branch Meeting food not to exceed \$250/month, different Officer responsible for Branch meeting food every month. Food at branch trainings and seminars at Board's discretion. **PASSED**

Motion made by Jeremy Hirschfeld seconded by Ramon Lawson to have a hopper with all members names, kept current by Recording Secretary, to draw a name each Branch meeting to promote in person attendance. Pot starts with \$50, each month there is no winner \$10 added to pot; money from General Fund. **PASSED**

Jeremy Hirschfeld made a motion seconded by Rick Notts, each Branch meeting attendant receives a ticket at sign in for a \$25 gas card drawing. Officers and Trustees cannot participate. **PASSED**

All these motions require the member be in good standing in the Branch to participate.

Ramon Lawson Social Rec Comm will have a movie night at Marcus Theater, on 256 in Pickerington, April 28, 2024 around 3 or 4 PM, PG rating, bring families; Branch will rent out the theater. More details coming soon. Val suggested a casino Night before Convention, too. Kelsey Crosbie Food Drive Comm, ordered 1000 carrier flyers, which Lanz Printing donated, explaining the purpose and importance of their(carrier) participation in Food Drives. Doing PSAs, Kick off May 10th at UFCW Local 1059 at 10 AM, 4150 E Main St 43213. OIC promised support. Trying to get media unions to participate.

Bldg Maintenance Comm, first agenda item is wheelchair ramp into the hall and restrooms.

Ramon Lawson made a motion seconded by Dean Peruzzi to spend \$950 for a table (8) and 1/2 page ad at the George Meany Dinner April 11, 2024, Villa Milano. **PASSED**

Ramon Lawson made a motion seconded by Trevor Payne to spend \$2000 for Quickbooks Enterprise Gold Desktop service. **PASSED**

Ramon Lawson made a motion seconded by Jeremy Hirschfeld to spend an additional \$3548.16 to pay travel hours for twelve attending training in Akron. **PASSED**

Trevor Payne made a motion to rename the Br 78 Scholarship the Robert "Bobby" Kirk Memorial Scholarship Fund since he was instrumental in getting it started. **PASSED**

Kelsey Crosbie made a motion seconded by Jeremy Hirschfeld, to allocate \$3 per carrier listed on Recording Secretary's station roster, to purchase food/drinks on Annual Food Drive Day. Original receipt must be submitted to the Treasurer by Steward or designee, no later than June 15th, pictures, jpegs, etc are unacceptable for reimbursement. **PASSED**

Kelsey Crosbie made a motion to donate \$1500, seconded by Brenda Stidams, to AFL-CIO St. Stephen's Labor Food Pantry serving union families in need. **PASSED**

Kelsey Crosbie made a motion seconded by Val Davis to purchase \$260 in \$10 gas cards for Individuals that volunteer, driving POV picking up food on annual Food Drive Day. **PASSED**

Kelsey Crosbie made a motion seconded by Trevor Payne to purchase fifty Titan series chairs for the meeting hall not to exceed \$2200. **PASSED**

Anyone planning to attend Region 11 Retirement Seminar April 14, 2024 at 10 AM needs to RSVP soon, spouses welcome. Never to soon to start making retirement plans. We have 29 delegates eligible for National Convention. Reservations for Boston Convention HQ Hotel made for Aug 4-10, 2024.

Good of the Association

Discussion on newly introduced HR 7629 Protect Our Letter Carriers Act.

Nalcrest NALC Retirement Community in Florida has a current Wait List of 325, if interested get papers submitted. Ten years ago there were plans to close it but updating property has made a huge difference. You should visit.

NALC suggests donating to National Disaster Relief Fund 501C(3) organization.

Strongly suggest you get assistance from the Branch on filing OWCP forms and Grievance forms, there are time limits to keep in mind and management has shown they are not your friend. Our DRT has been noticed for their timely performance in resolving grievances. Other areas are months behind we might be a couple days. Branch conversions may start since we have finally received a updated Seniority Roster. The National has selected Arbitrator Dennis Nolan but will continue to negotiate in good faith. USPS compares carriers to pizza delivery and paper boys rather than UPS, DHL and other related delivery employees when it comes to wages. Treasury Department once again miscalculated USPS share of retirement benefits instead of charging the Armed Forces branches. If that imbalance is straightened out there wouldn't be a funds issue.

Cory Bailey won the Gas Card; Cynthia Reynolds Collins, West City, would have won \$60 had she been present. Adjourn 20:38 for Executive Session re: COP.

Submitted by
Yana Miller-Farney

A complex block containing a graphic and text. On the left, the words "UPCOMING EVENTS" are written in a bold, blocky font. To the right of this text is a small graphic of a calendar showing the month of April. To the right of the calendar, the following events are listed:
Retirement Seminar In-person RSVP
10 A.M. April 14, 2024
FOOD DRIVE May 11, 2024
Retiree Lunch June 4 2024