



Providence Rhode Island Area Local 387  
American Postal Workers Union AFL-CIO



UNION MEETING MINUTES; SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10AM BY PRESIDENT MATHIEU. AFTER THE MORNING PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG A ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND STEWARDS WAS TAKEN... THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERS.....KELLY GAVE THE TREASURERS REPORT. WE ARE IN GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: RON REMINDS EVERYONE TO VOTE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT CONTACT THE NATIONAL YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. RON SPOKE OF A SCHEDULED MEETING WITH CUSTOMER SERVICES. THEY WANT TO ELIMINATE 11 POSITIONS...AS YOU KNOW BY NOW, HARTFORD WILL BE THE NEW DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. A LOT OF JOB SHUFFLING IS GOING ON BUT NO ONE HAS LOST THEIR JOBS. RON THANKS RAY AND STEVE FOR MAKING SURE OF THAT. A LENGTHY DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE CONCERNING JOB PLACEMENT, VETERANS RIGHTS, MSPD RIGHTS. YOUR UNION REPS WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS. YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT MANAGEMENT STILL WANTS TO REDUCE THE WORKFORCE ANYWAY POSSIBLE....

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT: RAY SPOKE ON THE SAME SUBJECTS. HE URGES ANYONE UNASSIGNED TO BID ON A JOB...ALSO GET THE VOTE OUT. THE PROPOSED CONTRACT HAS A LOT OF HOLES IN IT, THEY CHANGED THE WORDING ON CASUALS TO PSE'S BUT EVERYONE SHOULD READ THE CONTRACT SENT THEM BEFORE VOTING.

CLERK-CRAFT DIRECTOR; STEVE REPORTS THE SAVING OF MANY JOBS AND PRAISES HIS STEWARDS FOR THE FINE WORK THEY ARE PERFORMING FOR THE MEMBERS. LOCAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMING UP IF THE CONTRACT IS RATIFIED, WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR THIS...

MAINTENANCE CRAFT; JOHN MORAN REPORTS (LLOYD IS ON ANNUAL). A LOT OF THE CUSTODIAL ROUTES ARE NOT BEING COMPLETED. JOHN URGES THE MEMBERS TO DO THEIR WORK AND NOT SOMEONE ELSE'S.

DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION; ANN REMINDS EVERYONE TO COME TO THE MAY BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>.....ALWAYS A GOOD TIME.

028 STEWARDS REPORT; BOB DONAHUE REPORTS THAT HE THINKS THE NEW CONTRACT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH THE 30-HOUR WORK WEEK. THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH IF RATIFIED,

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OLD BUSINESS; NONE

NEW BUSINESS; MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO SEND SIX PEOPLE TO WEST VIRGINIA FOR ADVANCED STEWARD TRAINING W/NEC EXPENSES.

A MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO ALLOW A GUEST SPEAKER. FROM NARFE. JOHN O'HARA WHO WAS ALSO A PAST PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 387 GAVE A VERY INTERESTING SPEECH CONCERNING RETIREE'S PENSION AND MEDICAL COVERAGE. HE REMINDS THE MEMBERS THAT THE POSTAL SERVICE DIDN'T GIVE US HEALTH COVERAGE IT HAD TO BE FOUGHT FOR. NOW POLITIONS ARE TRYING TO REDUCE ALL RETIREE BENEFITS. AS YOUR UNION MEMBER AVERAGE AGE IS NEARING 50 IT IS TIME TO START PAYING ATTENTION. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RETIRED TO JOIN NARFE, FOR A SMALL DUES OF \$45. A YEAR YOU CAN START HELPING OUT NOW.....THE RI FEDERATION OF NARFE WILL BE HOLDING A LUNCHEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT THE KELLY GAZZERO POST UP THE STREET, THE UNION HAS PURCHASED SOME TICKETS, SEE RON IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.....JOHN O'HARA ALSO A WORLD-WAR II DECORATED VETERAN WAS GIVEN A ROUSING OVATION FOR HIS PRESENTATION... THANK YOU JOHN.


GOOD & WELFARE; MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO DONATE \$250. TO OUR WEB-SITE COORDINATOR. HE SPENDS A LOT OF MONEY OUT OF POCKET TO KEEP THE SITE UP../..

DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH; ALL \$200.

GIRL SCOUTS OF WARWICK-----NORTH KINGSTOWN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM----RI BACK HISTORY HISTORICAL SOCIETY--- AUTISM GROUP OF R.I.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:40 AM SEE YOU MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FOR OUR NEXT MEETING.....DON'T FORGET THE MAY BREAKFAST ON MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>;

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Bob herron/sec/APWU