

UNION MEETING MINUTES- 3/22/2009

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 ALONG WITH THE TREASURERS REPORT WERE ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERS.....KELLY WENT OVER THE TREASURERS REPORT AND EXPLAINED THE EXPENDITURES.

PRESIDENTS REPORT; RON WENT OVER TWO IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ITEMS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO UNION MEMBERS AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE POSTAL SERVICE. THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT WHICH GIVES PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO FORM UNIONS AND GIVE WORKERS PROTECTION WHEN TRYING TO ORGANIZE WORKERS...THE OTHER IS THE PRE-FUNDING OF RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS. WE SHOULD ALL CONTACT OUR LOCAL POLITICIANS AND TELL THEM HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THESE TWO BILLS.....

RON ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH THE NEW DISTRICT MANAGER FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE, ROBERT CINTRONE. HE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE AS US.....

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT; RAY ALSO DISCUSSED THE FREE CHOICE ACT AND TOLD THE MEMBERS WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A FUND THAT WILL HELP PROMOTE THIS BILL THRU THE MEDIA, WE HAVE 90 DAYS TO DO THIS....RAY ALSO SPOKE ON THE ON GOING "CASUAL" GRIEVANCES AND HANDCASE OT...THESE SITUATIONS ARE BEING CLOSELY WATCHED.....

CLERK-CRAFT DIRECTOR; STEVE REPORTS THAT WE STILL HAVE 20 CASUALS IN THE PLANT THOUGH MANAGEMENT TOLD US THEY WERE GETTING RID OF ALL CASUALS. NOT ANOTHER LIE I HOPE.....WE NEED TO STOP THE SUPERVISORS FROM WORKING, MANY OF THEM ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR OWN JOBS BUT THAT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM....WATCH YOUR SICK LEAVE, THEY KEEP MOVING THE BOUNDRIES.....

MVS REPORT; BOBBY SPOKE ON THE MVS CONFERENCE HE ATTENDED. MVS ALONG WITH ALL OUR CRAFTS ARE FIGHTING TO HOLD THEIR JOBS....THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN D.C. AND OUR LOCAL POLS WERE INVITED. FRANK SABETTA FROM MVS AND ALSO A UNION TRUSTEE WAS PRESENT AND TELLS US

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MVS/LEGISLATIVE REPORT; CONTINUED;

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE WAS THE ONLY ONE TO SHOW UP KENNEDY AND REED SENT REPS BUT WHITEHOUSE SPOKE WITH US AND SHOWED INTEREST IN OUR PROBLEMS, REMEMBER THAT WHEN ELECTION TIME ROLLS AROUND AGAIN.....LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR ANTHONY GESAUDI WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT SPOKE ON THE MEETING AS WELL...PRESIDENT BURRUS WAS AT THE CONFERENCE BUT SPOKE MOSTLY ABOUT RAISING MONEY FOR COPA.....

MAINTENANCE REPORT; ADAM SPOKE ON THE EXPANSION ON CORLISS STREET.....ALSO WE HAVE THREE NEW MACHINES COMING IN, SPACE CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM...IN CRAFT MAINTENANCE TESTING IS GOING ON NOW...TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.....

DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION; ANN REPORTS NO NEW CHANGES BUT SHE IS ALWAYS STRIVING TO SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS.....

028 STEWARD; BOB DONAHUE HAS HOPES OF SETTING UP A LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETING FOR HIS AREAS. ANY INFORMATION THAT THE 028 MEMBERS WISH TO HAVE BROUGHT UP, CONTACT BOB.

CHIEF STEWARD; RECENTLY APPOINTED CHIEF STEWARD PERRY DELGADO SAYS HE HOPES TO STREAMLINE THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE. ANYONE WHO WANTS HELP DOING STEP TWO'S CONTACT HIM.....

OLD BUSINESS; A MOTION TABLED LAST MONTH WAS BROUGHT UP; THE MOTION WAS TO STOP CONTRIBUTING TO COPA. SEE BULLETIN BOARD.. THIS MOTION WAS PASSED...AFTER THIS MONTH WE WILL DONATE THE COPA RAFFLE MONEY TO OTHER CAUSES..APRIL AND MAY WILL GO TO THE FREE CHOICE ACT MEDIA FUND.....JUNE THE RI FOOD BANK....

NEW BUSINESS; MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO SEND UP TO SIX PEOPLE TO THE LABOR SCHOOL IN WEST VA. W/NECESSARY EXPENSES.

(NEW STEWARDS WILL BE PART OF THIS GROUP)

*MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO PURCHASE A APWU UNION JACKET FOR MAIL-HANDLER AND ALSO POSTAL COUNSELOR WHO HAS HELPED MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WITH PROBLEMS....THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES WERE PASSED;

* \$500. TO THE SUSAN COLEMAN BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FUND.

* \$500. TO THE BETHEL A.N.E. CHURCH

*500 TO THE AUTISM FUND OF RI

* \$500. TO THE KILLINGLY CT. LITTLE LEAGUE.

* \$500 TO THE GEORGE WILEY CENTER

* \$ 300 TO THE JOHNSTON LITTLE LEAGUE

*250. TO THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE MEDIA FUND

* \$ 100. TO THE WARWICK AREA TX.

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NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED;

MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO SUPPORT THE TWO BILLS DISCUSSED
EARLIER.....

ALL OF THE DONATIONS WERE MADE FROM THE 50/50 CLUB.

GOOD & WELFARE; HATS OFF; TO KELLY SULLIVAN FOR BRINGING IN
THE CREAM FILLED ZAPALAS.....

ALSO TO TERESA TORRES FOR THE SPINACH PIES, TERESA NEVER COMES
TO THE MEETING EMPTY HANDED....

SEE YOU SUNDAY APRIL 19TH FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER.....

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11: 10 AM

Bob herron/sec/APWU

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Whereas: The APWU National, places such a huge emphasis on COPA and very little emphasis on Grass Roots efforts to get all APWU members involved in the Political Process. The Providence Rhode Island Area Local 387 adopts the following Resolution:

Whereas: We disapprove and will not as a Local, participate in COPA in any way, unless the National APWU adopts a Policy of aggressive Grass Roots activities in conjunction with COPA.

Whereas: If getting working peoples agenda across, requires the use of money to bribe our leaders there would never have been a National Labor Relations ACT, and there certainly would be no Unions today. Clearly there are Anti Union forces who can give more money than we can, if this is the case than those opposed to Unions and what we advocate for workers can give more money, get more of an ear as well as what they want from our elected Representatives. We have the people not the money, we have the cause, not the money, so let's use what we have, "the people" .

Whereas: The Civil Rights Movement had none or very little Money. The Civil Rights Movement took the example from the early Labor, Suffragette, and Peace Movement, which was, from many Voices came one very Loud Voice which was heard to shout around the world. Positive change only comes from people's efforts, not their wallets or pocketbooks. So we here at the Providence Rhode Island Area Local will ask our National APWU Leadership to pick grassroots efforts.

Whereas: An aggressive Grass Roots effort consists of getting members to fill in Political Post Cards provided by the National and State Organizations the Purpose (issue)of the post card and whom it is to be sent to, US House Rep, US Senator or the White House. Encourage our members both from the National Pulpit as Well as the State and Local Pulpits.

Be it resolved: That the Providence Rhode Island Area Local will not support COPA in any way until National provides a comprehensive effort to rally the membership in a Grass effort to get involved in Political in the Process.

UNION MEETING DRAWINGS-3/22/09

50/50 SEVEN \$100. WINNERS;

307 -----GEORGE YOUNG

165 -----JOHN RUSSO

49 -----N. VIERA

72 -----CHARLENE RAINEY

80 ----- DAVID IANACHI

301 -----KEN CURRY

161 -----TRICIA VERRIA

COPA WINNER – DALE BRAMBLE

VOE WINNER DAVID MONTIFUSCO

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH – SUNDAY APRIL 19TH

WIN MORE MONEY

