

UNION MEETING MINUTES- JAN. 25, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10AM BY VICE-PRESIDENT RAY KEARNS, RON IS ON VACATION. RAY REPORTS ON THE SUPPOSED BIG ANNOUNCEMENT PMG POTTER IS GOING TO MAKE, HE KEEPS PUTTING IT OFF BUT WHATEVER IT IS WON'T BE GOOD FOR US. RAY READ A LETTER FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT BILL BURRUS THAT SAYS EVEN HARDER TIMES ARE COMING BUT USPS MANagements WORK FORCE MUST BE REDUCED. THEY MUST SHARE THE BAD TIMES. ACTUALLY WITH AN EXPERIENCED WORK FORCE THAT WE HAVE THERE IS HARDLY ANY NEED FOR SUPERVISION.....

TREASURERS REPORT: KELLY GAVE US A RUN DOWN ON OUR FINANCES AND THE 50/50 CLUB . SHE ANSWERED ANY QUESTIONS. WE ARE IN GREAT SHAPE.....

CLERK-CRAFT DIRECTOR: STEVE SAYS THE BID CYCLE STARTS JAN-30. BID ON A JOB. DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO GET IN A POSITION THAT WOULD HAVE MANAGEMENT PUT YOU ANYWHERE....LIZ POWELL STATES THAT THE APWU HAS ONLY 6000 MEMBERS WITH LESS THAN SIX-YEAR SERVICE AND NOT PROTECTED FROM LAY-OFF....THE WORD IS THAT ALL CASUALS WILL BE OUT AT CORLISS STREET VERY SHORTLY....WE WILL SEE.....

MAINTENANCE: ADAM REPORTED OUT ON PENDING GRIEVANCES. HE THANKS HIS STEWARDS FOR THEIR HARD WORK (THAT NEVER ENDS)...HE REMINDS MAINTENANCE MEMBERS TO FILL OUT THEIR JOB WORK SHEETS CORRECTLY. DO NOT MARK A JOB COMPLETE IF IT IS NOT. ONLY YOU SHOULD FILL OUT THESE PAPERS. IF YOU FIND MANAGEMENT DOING IT TURN THEM IN....

NBA DIRECTOR: BUSINESS AGENT AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF OUR LOCAL RICK LOGAN WAS AT THE MEETING AND SPOKE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE POSTAL SERVICE. RICK SAYS THE ELIMINATION OF TOUR-2 HAS BEEN GOING ON ACROSS THE COUNTRY. PROVIDENCE IS A LOT BETTER OFF THEN MOST LOCALS AND THANK GOD FOR ARTICLE 12 BECAUSE YOU KNOW THEY WOULD GET RID OF US IF THEY COULD....

NO OLD BUSINESS:

THE REST OF THE MINUTES IS A COMBINATION OF NEW BUSINESS AND GOOD AND WELFARE.....

A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO REVERT TO NEW BUSINESS AND THEN REVERT BACK TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS...

THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES WERE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS; MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO MEDIA BLITZ THE POSTAL SERVICE AND TO TRY AND TELL THE PUBLIC WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON. THEY SEE US AS WELL PAID WORKERS WHO DON'T DO ENOUGH. THE LINES IN THE LOBBY ARE PAINFULLY LONG, VENDING MACHINES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND YOU CAN'T BUY A STAMP IN PROVIDENCE AFTER THE WINDOWS HAVE CLOSED.....

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EXPENDITURES; \$500. TO THE DANA FARBER FUND

\$150. TO THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

\$500. TO THE NORTH TRINITY CHURCH FOOD BANK OF SITUATE RI

\$500. TO THE NORTH KINGSTOWN SWIMMING TEAM.
(THEY HAD AN OLYMPICS SWIMMER LAST YEAR)

ALSO APPROVED WAS NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE MEDIA BLITZ. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS, INTERVIEWS, PASSING OUT FLYERS AND WHATEVER MEANS WE CAN USE TO GET OUR MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC....

ALSO APPROVED WAS THE USE OF OUR HALL GRATAS ONCE A MONTH TO A MEDICAL GROUP....

THE MEETING WAS AJOURNED AT 11:15AM...

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH, SUNDAY, FEB 22ND FOR OUR NEXT EXTRAZAGANZA.....

Bob herron/sec/APWU