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## **MINUTES TO MEETING January 2024**

Meeting call to order by **President Vicente Crespo (Vinny)** on **Sunday January 21, 2024** at **10am**. First The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag takes place, after a Moment of Silence and then roll call of Officers will be taken. (**a quorum was established**).

- **November 2023 Minutes on table, Motion to accept Minutes?**  
**Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

### **Officers Excused:**

Charles Ellison  
Lloyd Brazee  
Brian Avila  
Blythe Sylvia  
James Obrian Jr.  
Kimmy Howard  
Andrea Chiaradio

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### **Charles Ellison (Tony)**

- Excused.

**President: Vicente Crespo (Vinny)**

**- Motion to accept the budget for 2024?**

**\* Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

- The Christmas Party was perfect! Thank you all for helping with the party, Rayshelle, Dejarbrina and her mom as well for the beautiful decorations. There were one hundred twenty children at Xmas party, the amusement of Santa Claus the entertainment of custom characters, ballon sculpting (ballon twisting), face painting artist, and awesome prizes.
- Steward Training Class Step One and Two will take place at Union Hall on January 31- February 01,2024.
- Upcoming: Mark Walker Scholarship.
- Providence P&DC is aiming to remove thirty-one positions. ARTICLE 12 has not been in motion yet.
- Providence areas of 029, management continue with reverting positions.
- The Union settled two good grievances about Winter storms for the years of 2018 and 2022.
- Thank you Afolabi Ayobola (Ayo) for the reversion of two jobs (Hand-case and Pouch Bins both on TOUR TWO) won through the grievance procedure.
- The election is in October 2024.
- New England State Convention at Omni Providence Hotel, Dates: April 26-28,2024.
- Postal Labor Unions Summer School (PLUSS) at West Virginia. Advanced Topics (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) in April 21-26 and Basic Instruction (1<sup>st</sup> Year) in June 09-14,2024.
- APWU National Convention is in Detroit, the dates: July 11-18,2024.
- Events for 2024: May Breakfast, Summer BBQ, Halloween Party and Christmas Party, dates are pending.
- The Executive Board meet on the incident of double booking the Union Hall and decided to pay the rent for selected place the member choose, issue got resolved.

**Vice President: Lloyd Brazee**

- Excused.

**Clerk Craft Director: Ayobola Afolabi (Ayo)**

- Management has started due Pre-Disciplinary Interviews (PDI's) to employees for attendance.

**MVS/VMF Craft Director: Wesley Carpenter**

- Annual Bids are up but management has failed to provide requested information on on bids.
- Preparing for vacation picks.

**Director of Organization: Adam Souza**

- Creating web page for Local Union.
- OWCP covers slip and fall on USPS parking lot premises.
- Pending dates on the following parties: May Breakfast, Summer BBQ, Halloween party and Christmas Party.

**Union Hall Building manager: Brandon Main**

- Increase in the rental fee for Union Hall.

**Trustee Report: Thomas Jones**

- Sunshine Fund received one hundred five dollars at 2023 Halloween Party.
- 2023 Christmas Party made one hundred twelve dollars in tips, one thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars on raffles and the amount spent is still undergoing.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

1) **Adam Souza makes Motion:**

Party dates are tentative, when the body decides on dates then all necessary expenses will apply.

- **Response from Body: Second**
- **All in favor: Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

2) **Brandon Main makes Motion:**

Motion to pay Jennifer (Dejarbrina's mother) for decorating and cleaning for the Christmas Party (three days of work).

- **Response from Body: Second**
- **All in favor: Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

3) **Brandon Main makes Motion:**

Send up to twelve people with all necessary expenses to APWU 2024 National Convention in Detroit (July 11- July 18,2024).

- **Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

4) **Brandon Main makes Motion:**

**Increase Union rental fee until it reaches five hundred dollars, an annual increase of one hundred dollars starting in 2024, to cover expenses of the hall.**

- **Body calls for the question:**
- **Response: All in favor of the Union rental fee to annually increase one hundred dollars starting in 2024 until it reaches five hundred dollars.**
- **Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

5) **Vicente Crespo (Vinny) makes Motion:**

**Motion to get five people for Committee on selecting Union Liability Insurance.**

- **Response from Body: Aye (Motion Pass)**

**Good and Welfare:**

- Five members to investigate and research Union Liability Insurance for the Union Hall.
- Appoint to Election Committee (no one at the moment)

**Postal Pulse:**

- Suzanne Luciano
- Eric T. Full

**Charity Donations:**

- Johnston 7,8,9 Basketball, Johnston, R.I. (Janice Pagliaro)
- Ronald McDonald House, Gay St. Providence R.I. 02905 (Frank Fonte)

**50/50:**

- (65) Bennett Mark
- (15) Derek Calabro
- (01) Dolloff Kathleen

**Door Prize: \$0**

**Adjournment: 12:44pm**