

UNION MEETING MINUTES FOR-10-19-08***

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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT; RON READ STATEMENTS FROM PRESIDENT BURRUS AND FROM LIZ POWELL. THESE ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS. ALL IT SAYS IS BAD FOR OUR MEMBERS. THE ELIMINATION OF TOUR-2 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, A POSSIBLE FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK AND OTHER CHANGES TO MAKE YOUR LIFE MISERABLE. A TELECOM CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK TO FURTHER ENLIGHTEN US....

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT; RAY SPOKE ON AN ARTICLE IN THE FEDERAL TIMES PERTAINING TO THE POSTAL SERVICE. THIS IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB-SITE FOR THAT PUBLICATION. THE EARLY RETIREMENT RECENTLY PROPOSED HAS BEEN A DISMAL FAILURE. ACROSS THE NATION IT WAS OFFERED TO 150,000. WORKERS, ONLY 3700 HAVE ACCEPTED. THIS IS WHY THE THREAT OF LAY-OFFS AND FOUR-DAY WORK WEEKS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED.....OUR "CASUAL" GRIEVANCES HAVE GONE THROUGH STEP THREE WITHOUT SUCCESS AND ARE NOW HEADING TO ARBITRATION....STAY TUNED. V O T E

CLERK-CRAFT DIRECTOR; STEVE REPORTS THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SO FAR ON THE RESTRUCTURING ATTEMPT BUT IT IS STILL COMING. EVERYTHING THE POSTAL SERVICE DOES IS AIMED AT ELIMINATING OUR JOBS. STOP HELPING THEM BY ALLOWING SUPERVISORS TO DO OUR WORK.....HOPEFULLY, NOT MANY PEOPLE WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE RESTRUCTURING BUT THE UNION IS GOING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT YOU. THIS RESTRUCTURING HAS BEEN DONE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES WE ARE LIKE THE ALAMO....HANG ON DAVY CROCKET.....

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028 STEWARD; BOB DONAHUE EXPLAINS THE PROBLEMS IN THE SMALLER OFFICE'S. THE MEMBERS ARE AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR JOBS THANKS TO THE ENDLESS THREATS WHICH IS THE REASON POST-MASTERS AND SUPERVISORS GET AWAY WITH HANDLING THE MAIL. IT STILL MUST STOP...

BUILDING MANAGER; BOB MARCCIO REPORTS THAT THE REBUILDING OF THE FRONT STEPS AND WALK IS NEARLY COMPLETE.. ALSO BOB DID A LOT OF REPAIR WORK FOR THE VENTS IN THE CEILING IN THE KITCHEN. WE ARE STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH VANDALS DESTROYING OUR PROPERTY (OUTSIDE) BOB IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.....

OLD BUSINESS; MOTION MADE AND POSTED LAST MONTH TO ACCEPT EAST GREENWICH INTO OUR LOCAL IS PASSED. WELCOME. EAST GREENWICH. JIM OZANION HAS ALREADY ARRANGED OFFICE SPACE FOR THEM AT THAT P.O. THE PROPOSAL TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO AID MEMBERS IN NEED IS TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBERS MEETING.....

NEW BUSINESS; MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO PURCHASE SERCURITY CAMERAS AND MOTION DETECTORS SO WE CAN MONITOR THEM FROM CORLISS STREETS UNION OFFICE.... ADDITIONAL MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO CONTACT A PROFESSIONAL SECURITY FIRM TO HELP US SELECT THE PROPER EQUIPMENT.....

MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO PURCHASE BACK-PACKS FOR OUR HOMELESS VETERANS. (\$500.) FROM THE GENERAL TREASURY.....

GOOD & WELFARE; FRANK MCCABE HAS ACCEPTED THE STEWARDS POSITION IN MVS..... WELCOME

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:10AM

SEE YOU SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH FOR THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR.....

Bob herron/sec