

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JANUARY 12, 2017

Summary of Branch Action

MSC: To pay the branch bills.

MSC: That Branch 343 pay the lost time and admission fee for three members appointed by the president, to attend the "Labor Law & Labor Arbitration" training to be held April 28, 2017, in St. Louis and provided by the Labor Arbitration Institute.

MSC: That Branch 343 send up to four branch officers to be determined by the branch president, along with the president to the Region Five Rap Session in Overland Park, Kansas, and pay their expenses.

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted. RAA Charles Sexton told us they were getting calls about the contract every day and that there was little progress to report. He said there are 12 doors open we want and if we don't get any one of these "12 doors," this will determine whether we get a negotiated contract or one that goes to arbitration. The Regional Rap Session is scheduled for Feb. 25-26. He also informed us that, while former president of Branch 343 John Haake has done the most arbitrations in the region with 185, John McLaughlin has done the second most with 90 arbitrations. Also, Dave Teegarden has the highest winning percentage in the region with 75 percent. The NBA's office will be moving on February 1.

Chet Drain asked that carriers spread the word to the CCAs that they have a right to file a claim if injured on the job and that it is not management who approves the claim. They should also go to their own doctor. Managing Editor of the MCC Tom Schulte asked all to read the article in the MCC which recognized Mackenzie Pointe carrier Cornell Winder for his heroic effort in saving clerk Christine Audrain's life. President Bill Lister reported that they had received 21 applications for the John Haake Scholarship and asked that all applicants get their documentation in by March 31. Richard Thurman asked carriers to look out for CCAs and don't assume they are wearing the proper attire for the weather. Mike Weir informed us of changes because of the election. Congress will repeal ACA, build a wall, shrink workforce and pay, stop union time being done on the clock, and chip away at our retirement. Also, they want to change Medicare to a voucher program and raise the age and reduce the benefits of Social Security. Executive Vice President Barry Linan impressed upon the membership of the need for more shop stewards. Vice President Financial Secretary Bob Rapisardo said he would soon be selecting the shirt color for the Food Drive and that CCAs are not grieving discipline. President Bill Lister told us that the Retirement Seminars being held on Jan. 22 and 29 were filling up. There were 65 people in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted, John "Johnny Mac" McLaughlin, Recording Secretary

New Members

Tiara B. Graham.....	Clayton	12-29-16
Teona M. Newman.....	Weathers.....	12-29-16
Anthony S. Byrd.....	Creve Coeur	12-29-16
Debra D. Bick.....	Gravois	12-29-16
Anteinea S. Peebles	Sappington	12-29-16
Alvin L. Morrow	Town & Country	12-29-16
Calvin M. Powell.....	Sappington	12-29-16
Lanier D. Singleton	Carrier Square	12-29-16
Candace D. Blackwell	Clayton	12-29-16
Rachel L. Guthrie	Weathers.....	12-29-16
Fontania Lawrence.....	Maryville Gardens ...	12-29-16
Yalonda P. Hebron.....	Harriet Woods.....	12-29-16
Kanesha D. Townsend	Town & Country	12-29-16
Marlyn Y. Clay.....	Harriet Woods.....	12-29-16
Daniel A. Wills.....	Park Hills	12-29-16
Corey L. Gray	Park Hills	12-29-16

Recently Retired Members

Theresa R. Roberts.....	Warrenton.....	12-31-16
Kim Henderson	Clayton	12-31-16
Linda J. Richardson	Clayton	12-31-16
Margaret M. Richardson	South County.....	12-31-16
Gregory J. Geno.....	Gaffney.....	12-31-16
Paul R. Haverman	Town & Country	01-06-17
Brad J. Diener	Mackenzie Pointe	12-31-16
Davie E. Boulton	North County	01-11-16