

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MARCH 9, 2017

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC: To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 send an officer to be appointed by the branch president to *Advanced Formal A and Beyond Training* to be held April 2 through 7 and pay lost time and expenses.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 sponsor a hole for \$60 to the Kansas City Branch 30 MDA Golf Tournament to be held on May 21, 2017.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 make a one-time donation of \$500 to the Missouri AFL-CIO Special Registration Fund, to educate and inform their affiliate members on state right to work legislation.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 donate \$100 as a sponsor to the Br. 1132 MDA mouse races to be held on March 18, 2017.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 purchases an ad for \$439 in the 2017 Workers Memorial issue of the *Labor Tribune* to be published in April 2017.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 make a donation to Project 2000 with the St. Louis Labor Council to fight current right to work legislation in the amount of \$200.
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- MSC: That Branch 343 donate a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the 2017 MDA Bass Tournament to be held on April 9, of 2017.

New Members

- Kylee B. Panus Town & Country 02-15-17
 Thomas Wassman Town & Country 02-15-17
 Courtney D. Moore Jr. ... Clayton 02-15-17
 Lucretia Wade Fenton 03-03-17

Recently Retired Members

- Nancy L. Krampfert Sappington 02-28-17
 Cherolyn L. Gray Creve Coeur 01-31-17
 Sollie L. Welch Jennings 01-27-17
 Jeffrey C. Roberts Creve Coeur 12-21-16

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted. NBA Mike Birkett told the members that two doors remained unopened in our contract negotiations and that the Letter Carrier Political Fund is more important than ever. The meeting broke from its regular agenda to present monies to new MDA representative Beau Trussell. Mike Weir donated \$300 from Nick Grillo's 9-ball pool tournament and John McLaughlin donated \$2,718 from Trivia Night. Mike Chenot informed us that we are still boycotting Schnuck's. Pam Stepney addressed the petition to get right to work on the ballot in 2018 and that "united we build, divided we beg." Chet Drain updated us that we have 19 more members this year in the NALC Health Plan. Pam Stepney informed us that 12 applications have been received for the John Haake Scholarship. Mike Weir reminded us that House Resolutions 756 and 760 are good except for a few minor tweaks. Exec. VP Barry Linan lamented about the recent passage of right to work and informed us that next up in Jefferson City was a bill to restrict employees' right to sue their employer. VP Fin. Sec. Bob Rapisardo told us the Food Drive T-shirts arrived, the postcards would be in soon, and that he would like to see more stations try and raise money for the Food Drive. Pres. Bill Lister impressed upon the membership that right to work is not the end of the political battle against unions. He warned us that more legislation would ensue in the coming months. He mentioned upcoming Route Inspection Training we will be conducting down at the Union Hall on March 30, as well as Formal Step A Training we will be attending in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

John "Johnny Mac" McLaughlin, Recording Secretary

Deceased Members

- William H. Rome Retired 02-14-17
 James A. Perry Retired 02-21-17