

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MAY 11, 2017

Summary of Branch Action

MSC: To pay the branch bills.

MSC: That the Branch 343 make a donation of \$100 to the "Support for Mailman Mike," c/o, 630 Broadway, Amityville, NY 11701

MSC: That Branch 343 show the 1970 strike video at one of the summer month's regular meeting.

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 Stephanie Stewart reported the USPS has a new program named Route Management Tool which will decide whether or not a newly vacated route should be posted up for bid or be reverted. She remarked that carriers are their own worst enemy. Carriers are signing for accountable mail on their route and getting fired.

Mike Chenot stated the St. Louis minimum wage will rise from \$7.70 per hour to \$10 and it will rise to \$11 beginning in 2018. He remarked that the Missouri legislature is fighting this. Chet Drain suggested members go to the NALC Health Benefit site, www.nalchbpnalc.org to keep up with your vaccinations. Mike Weir reported that health care is being destroyed at the national level. A positive plan has emerged in Washington in the way of a bill on TSP. The bill would allow for participants to make more than one partial withdrawal. VP Barry Linan implored the members to fill out their own PS Form 3971 when they incur an absence. Pres. Bill Lister reported that he attended the recent COP meeting in Chicago and that NALC President Fred Rolando remarked that he has gone from cautiously optimistic to cautiously confident. The first of 11 items likely to be in the new contract Pres. Lister listed was that all carriers would be upgraded to level 7.

Respectfully Submitted,
John "Johnny Mac" McLaughlin
Recording Secretary

New Members

Brooke M. Bradley	Union.....	05-09-17
Charlene D. Brown.....	Gaffney.....	05-09-17
Charles E. Carpenter.....	Gaffney.....	05-09-17
Kevin R. Clancy	Gravois	05-09-17
Teriyon M. Davis.....	Carrier Square	05-09-17
Adrieona L. Franklin.....	Southwest.....	05-09-17
Jaela M. Goss	Southwest.....	05-09-17
Deandre T. Hopkins.....	Kirkwood	05-09-17
DeAndre D. Johnson.....	Southwest.....	05-09-17
Channing R. Kimbrow	Des Peres.....	05-09-17
Sharnice A. McJames	Mackenzie Pointe	05-09-17
Lucretia C. Mensey	Gaffney.....	05-09-17
Artriece Richardson	Olivette.....	05-09-17
Jamal A. Richie.....	Weathers	05-09-17
Delissia A. Robinson.....	Kirkwood	05-09-17
Zoe A. Smith.....	Weathers	05-09-17
Brenda F. Walker.....	Maryville Gardens.....	05-09-17
Katina R. Watson	Kirkwood	05-09-17
Dontrell D. Woods	Des Peres.....	05-09-17
Kenneth N. Smith	Mexico.....	05-09-17
Daria D. Jones.....	Gravois	05-09-17
Rena Allen.....	Kirkwood	05-09-17

Recently Retired Members

Steven R. White.....	Des Peres.....	04-28-17
Stephen B. Goggins.....	Mackenzie Pointe	04-28-17
Kenneth S. Copeland	Kirkwood	04-28-17

Deceased Members

Terry W. Seaton.....	Retired.....	03-19-17
Harry A. Blecha.....	Gold Card	04-10-17
Stephen L. Buckingham	Active-Clayton	04-14-17
Cornelius J. Lachance ...	60 Year	04-21-17
Emanuel C. Taylor.....	Gold Card	04-23-17