

**Branch 380 Minutes**  
**December 14, 2004**

Pres. Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. There were 44 Members present. The flag salute and roll call of officers were taken. The attendance award went to George Barbosa. Joe Mooney made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes. The motion passed unanimously. **Communications:** Asst. Sec. Roth read a Christmas card from the AFL-CIO, a thank you from Ernie Carradine and a post card from Pat Toto regarding his retirement. **Election Process:** Pres. Van Wagner explained the procedure for the elections and thanked the committee. **Safety Report:** Vivian Harrison stated that on December 8, 2004 there was a safety meeting with Sautello. The ramp at the Annex is now being built. The walkway at the Annex that floods out when it rains has now been bid on. Vehicles should be cleaned during working hours. There were 5 vehicle accidents over Dec. 7 and 8. **Branch Picnic:** No Report. **Legislation:** No Report. **NALC Health Benefits:** Joe Mooney stated that the open season has been extended until December 28, 2004. The plan packets have been sent out. Prices are comparable to other insurances. You must be a NALC member to join. Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) have open season now also. With the HIPA laws, you must have a release form signed to authorize this union to look into any problems you maybe having. NALC.org has the forms online. **MCLU:** At the November meeting an insurance presentation was made. **Retirees Rep:** Sherm Britton stated that anyone looking into retiring should read page 33 in the postal record. Take ¼ your pay and try to live on that each month. If you can, you should be able to retire. **MBA Rep:** No report. **OWCP Rep:** No Report. **MDA Report:** Marty D'Autrechy stated that all canisters must be returned. Asst. Sec. Roth stated that she has donated a watch for a raffle and that all proceeds will go to the MDA. **Merger:** Pres. Van Wagner stated that Branch 380 and Branch 268 are speaking about merging. There are a lot of details to go over and we will keep the members posted.

**Officers Report:** **Assistant Secretary Report:** We are looking for volunteers to make up an information packet for each individual station to help any carrier better understand how that station is run. **Secretary Report:** No Report. **Treasurers Report:** Financial report was read by Frank Ratkiewicz and approved by the membership. Frank presented a budget plan for 2005 to President Van Wagner. **Vice President's Report:** Bill Malkin read Brother Alondo's article from the *Postal Record* regarding a test done for the DOIS. They found a lot of errors. Bill thanked everyone for their support during this first year as V.P. and for their support during his illness. **Sec. Report:** Rick Zerrenner stated that all Brothers and Sisters should stand up for one another. Unite. Do not be afraid of management. Write statements to help out a fellow Brother or Sister. Help make a stronger union by sticking together. **President's Report:** President Van Wagner stated that the Branch 38 rap session will be January 9-11, 2005 in Atlantic City; Washington Breakfast will be March 1-3, 2005; Tim O'Malley's rap session will be on March 6-8, 2005; The State Convention will be May 15-17, 2004. If anyone is interested in joining the Alternate Shop Steward Program please let the union know. **Old Business:** No items presented. **New Business:** No motions were made. The results of the delegate elections were announced. They are as follows: Washington Congressional Breakfast  
NJ State Convention

The 50/50 winner(s) were Danny Fasanella and Sherm Britton.  
Bill Roth motioned the meeting to be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.