

Branch 380 Minutes
November 09, 2004

Pres. Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. There were 38 Members present. The flag salute and roll call was taken. The attendance award went to Dave Compton. The previous minutes were read by the Asst. Secretary Kelly Roth. **Communications:** Asst. Sec. Kelly Roth read a thank you from Brian Hellmann. The previous minutes were read and approved by the membership. **New Members:** Baris Tellibayratar, Brian Bisionano, Cheryl Joy Roche, Carrie L. Velazquez and Robert M. Greguski. Welcome! **Safety Report:** Pres. Van Wagner stated that you need to fill out a 1767 if you notice an unsafe practice or condition. Send a copy to Vivian Harrison. **Branch Picnic:** Frank Ratkiewicz read the financial report for picnic. It was under budget. Frank commended Vivian for a job well done. Pres. Van Wagner discussed moving the picnic. Liberty Lakes and Black Bear are some ideas. **Legislation:** See any officer if you are interested in becoming an E-Activist. There is a COLCPE hand out in the back of the room. **National Convention:** No Report. **NALC Health Benefits:** Joe Mooney stated that it is open season until December 13, 2004. Prices are comparable to other insurances. The more members that join the cheaper the price will be. You can change plans or join by going on line. You will need your pin #. You need to be in the FEHBP 5 years consecutively before you retire to be keeping your benefits. **Retirees Dinner:** Sec. Rick Zerrenner read financial report for the Retiree Banquet. It was under budget. **MCLU:** Mark thanks all members for allowing 10 members to go to the Knights of Labor Dinner. **Retirees Rep:** Sherm Britton stated that all retirees have received open season packets. If you want to make changes, you can now do so by phone. Dougherty Scholarships information is in the Postal Record. You need to apply by December 31, 2004. **NBA-NSBA:** Jesse Davis stated that maturity income is paying 6% interest until the end of the year. The 65 plus is worth looking into. The Basic Accidental Benefit pays \$5000.00 to all members if you die. **OWCP Rep:** No Report. **MDA Report:** Marty D'Autrechy stated that all canisters must be returned now.

The President called a brief recess for the Aid Society Meeting after which the regular meeting resumed.

Assistant Secretary's 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's Report:** No Report. **Treasurer's Report:** Frank Ratkiewicz read the report and it was approved by the membership. **Vice President's Report:** Bill Malkin stated the new NALC website now has the color coded calendar. The first quarter for annual leave is open for 2005. You can get the annual leave form on the site. **Trustees, OWCP or any other officer:** No Report. **President's Report:** President Van Wagner stated that Donna Phelan's mother died. Funeral service was today. The National Convention reports were challenged. Tim O'Malley stated that it is inappropriate to make this requirement. The report requirement has been rescinded. If you bid by phone or on line you will need your pin number. Pin can be changed. Looking for volunteers for election committee. The informational Breakfast is November 14th at the Marriot in Trenton. The GMF looks great. Looks like April the building may open; there will be an open house. **Fire safety within the union hall:** Storm door needs to open out and new lights are needed for the exit signs. Branch 38 rap session will be in January 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. The Thrift Savings and Health Benefit open seasons are underway now. January 7, 2005 ends annual leave. Shop steward elections will be held in December, if needed. A sign-up sheet will be in each station. Circle Branch is a test site for customer connects. Pres. Bill Young is hoping to use customer connect to get higher wage increase for next contract. Carriers generate revenue not just deliver mail. There will be 4 weeks in December that there will be no V-Time. **Old Business:** The floor was opened for more nominations to the Washington Breakfast and the State Convention. George Barbosa and Ray Di Simone were added to the nominees to both the State Convention and the Congressional Breakfast. Pat Gutterson was added to the nominees to the State Convention.

New Business: Asst. Sec. Kelly Roth asked about carrier parking at the Annex. Pres. Van Wagner will look into it. Kelly would like to know if management could repaint the route numbers on the vehicle parking spots. It will be looked into. Sec. Rick Zerrenner motioned to reimburse Bill Malkin, Jr. for expense incurred to set up web site. The motion passed unanimously. Sec. Rick Zerrenner motioned to pay Bill Malkin, Jr. a/k/a webmaster, \$30.00 a month for his services as webmaster, including retroactive pay for time already spent. The motion passed unanimously. Sherm Britton motioned to have the shop stewards meeting in December at an off site restaurant. The motion passed unanimously.

The 50/50 winner is Jimmy Lacour.

Jim White motioned the meeting to be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.