

Draft of the Branch 380 Minutes
For February 08, 2005

Pres. Mark Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. There were 39 Members present. The flag salute and roll call of officers were taken. A moment of silence was held for Brother Charlie Kessler. The attendance award went to Jesse Davis. The previous minutes were approved without corrections. **Communications:** A Thank you card was read from the Gutierrez family. A thank you note was read from Pat Toto. **New Members:** Asst. Sec. Kelly Roth read the names of all new members: Baris Tellibayrartar, Scott David Aust, Kenneth Williams, Edward William Berry and Catherine Pamias. Welcome!! **Safety Report:** Vivian Harrison stated that the ramp at the carrier annex is not being built, yet! Time is changing; management will be doing 3999's. Be professional. If anyone approaches you, always ask for identification. **Branch Picnic:** Vivian Harrison is working with Bill Malkin and Michael Kroehling. This year's picnic will be at Liberty Lakes with Princeton Branch 268 on June 26, 2005. Will have more information at the next meeting. If you would like to know information on Liberty Lakes, go to LibertyLake.com. **Legislation:** The postal reform bill is back. Become an e-activist. Donate to COLCPE. **NALC Health Benefits:** Joe Mooney stated that if you are a new member and have not yet received your card, please see Joe. **MCLU:** St. Patties Day Parade is March 12, 2005 meet at 9:00 a.m. **Retirees Rep:** Sherm Britton stated that the postal record has information regarding your retirement. **MBA:** Jesse Davis said think about investing into your future. Maturity is still paying 6%. The Bank only pays 3%. **MDA Report:** Marty D'Autrechy stated that we will be participating in the brown bag on March 13 thru March 19, 2005. **Merger:** Pres. Van Wagner stated that he, Joe Mooney and Bill Malkin will meet with members of Princeton Branch 268 to discuss branch by-laws.

The Aid Society meeting was not held this evening.

Officers Report: Asst. Secretary Report: A note said "Where is our union voice." **You** are your union voice! If you have a question, comment, suggestions or any problem, call the office, speak to an officer or shop steward, we can address this as a team. So stand up and be heard. **Treasurers Report:** Frank Ratkiewicz read the report and it was approved. Frank thanked Bill Roth, Jim Barbuto and John Clark for a good job on the Audit. **OWCP:** If you are injured on the job, please call this office. If you call management and tell them that you need medical attention, tell them you are returning to the office to seek that medical attention. Do not try to find someone else to deliver your mail even if asked to by management. It is their responsibility to get the mail delivered. If management asks you to write a statement, say NO! **Trustee's Report:** Jim Barbuto read semi-annual audit report that had been prepared by John Clark, Bill Roth and Jim Barbuto. **President's Report:** President Van Wagner thanked Frank Ratkiewicz for his work on the 2005 budget, which was then read. Andre Algarin has been recruited as managing editor for our bulletin. Our branch bulletin is available on line and in color.

Old Business: Jesse Davis wants to know what happened with the CNN interview. Pres. Mark Van Wagner stated that it has not been shown yet and once it does air we will get a copy and show it at a meeting. Lou Wright, Jr. stated that he has a grievance with the branch. He stated that he had asked the past president to check into his records to see if he has any suspensions or discipline. He would like a letter from this branch stating that he has not had any discipline or suspension during his career as a carrier because management has told OWCP that he has had bad conduct which makes him unable to receive certain benefits. Pres. Van Wagner stated that he will investigate and write a summary.

New Business: Lou Wright, Jr. made a donation to the MDA. Dan Fasanella stated that he received that bulletin just this evening; we should receive the bulletin before the meetings. Andre Algarin reassured that the bulletin will not be late again. Dan Fasanella wants the union to bring the merged branch picnic up to the membership before committing. Joe Mooney motioned for a full ad in the State Convention pamphlet. The motion was approved. Joe Mooney motioned to pay the delegates \$100.00 for expenses to go to the State Convention. The Motion was approved. Eugene Bowlby is a 75 year member and a plaque from National has been sent to this office. Pablo Romero has lost everything in a house fire. A card will be sent to each station. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

The 50/50 winner is Joseph Santiago.

Jesse Davis motioned the meeting to be adjourned.

Vivian Harrison seconded that motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.