



National Association of Postal Supervisors

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Minutes

July 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by First VP Reginald Hughes. Officer roll call was taken. There was a quorum inclusive of online participants and members in the room. There was a quorum which included members attending virtually and those attending in person. The members recited the Lord's Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. The meal was blessed, and members in the room were able to commence eating. The June minutes were read by Secretary, Tonya Desperitt. The minutes were accepted as read pending any corrections.

Roll Call of Officers:

President Marcellus Wright	Present
1st Vice President- Reginald Hughes	Present
2nd Vice President – Darrell Young	Present
Secretary- Tonya Desperitt	Present
Financial Secretary-Theresa Bailey	Present
Treasurer Donalda Moss	Present
Sergeant of Arms- Vincent Clark	Present
Tour 1 Representative Mary Milner	Present
Tour 2 Representative- Waverly Vaughn	Absent
Tour 3 Representative – Raynard Nowden	Present
Station & Branches Mike Alston	Present
Immediate Past President Alvin Harper	Present
Legislative Representative – Joslin Harris	Present
Good and Welfare - Yvonne Duncan	Present
Representative for Admin. Offices – Sekita Davis	Present

FINANCIAL REPORT

After some technical difficulties, the treasurer reports were read by Donalda Moss. The treasurer reports were accepted pending audit. Questions were fielded about updates on our taxes, or the accounting firm that Branch 135 hired. Donalda reported that President Marty Wright had the updates. There were 2 notes—the investment CD fluctuates a little every month but stays around 5% and Theresa Bailey receives the 1187s and submitted them to HQ.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No report.

GOOD & WELFARE REPORT

Flowers were sent on behalf of the Branch to Ray, Kimberly and Michelle Linton Brinkley. A few cards were also sent on the Branch's behalf. The card to Fred Campbell was returned to sender. The current good and welfare account balance is \$103.00.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Darrell Young brought the convention shirts and pins to the meeting. He stated that pictures for CAASC would be taken on Monday evening at 5:00 pm, immediately following the first session. Everyone was asked to please wear their fuchsia polo shirt and dark pants for the picture. The first day of the National convention is typically business attire, but attendees could wear fuchsia polos if desired. For the sake of coordination, members were asked to wear dark bottoms with fuchsia shirts. He reminded everyone to bring and wear their shirts to the National convention, or they would run the risk of reimbursing the Branch for the cost. Each member will also receive 30 blinkie pins to trade. There is a first timer meeting on Sunday from 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm. He stated that even if this was your second time attending the convention, and you did not attend the first timer's meeting that you could still attend.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reginald Hughes reported that he had been busy dealing with issued discipline and 650 mediations. Supervisors were receiving LOW in lieu of 7 days for not issuing corrective action to employees. President Wright stated that he had a meeting scheduled to address with the rise in discipline and the way it is being given.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alvin Harper hoped that everyone had made their travel arrangements for the upcoming National Convention. He reminded the group of the ground transportation company- DATTCO. Mr. Harper took the time to thank all members in advance for the good work they would be doing on behalf of the branch.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Two 1187s were turned in: Raheem Pleasant and Abdul Dock by Reggie Hughes. He is entitled to \$25.00 from Branch 135 for each new membership. President Wright asked Tonya Despertt to follow up on the reimbursement offered by AVP Troy Griffin.

CRAB FEAST UPDATE

Mike Alston provided an update on Branch 135 annual crab feast. It will be held on Saturday September 21, 2024, from 2 pm – 6 pm at the American Legion at 8201 MLK Hwy Glenarden, MD. Branch 135 members are free, and each additional guest is \$50.00. Registration cut off is September 1st. No large bags or purses will be permitted at the event. Dessert will be considered and added to the menu. Open bar was considered. Last year the Branch put \$1K on the bar limit.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a question regarding an update on the HQ parking issue. President Wright stated that he had a meeting coming up next week for the RIF employees (those that had received notice, with August 31 as the deadline). He will revisit the HQ parking issue at that time and will be able to provide an update at our September meeting. He stated that National President Ivan Butts, has been in contact with HQ regarding the pending RIFs and would advise us how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Members were asked if anyone was planning on purchasing guest banquet tickets for the National convention?

Secretary Tonya Desperitt was tasked with creating a text group chat for members attending the National Convention.

AVP Troy Griffin is having advocacy training on a cruise ship this year. President Wright stated that he was not in favor of spending additional money for our members to attend the training on a cruise. He stated that if any advocates wanted to attend, they could but they would have to pay the difference between what we usually spend on training and the cost of the cruise. The room rate is approximately \$1500.00 for 2 guests. It was suggested that potential advocates take a guest and split the cost. The group consensus was to attend less expensive advocacy training.

The upcoming elections at the National convention was discussed. Ivan Butts is running unopposed. Darrell Willimas has challenged Richard Greene. It was noted that new candidates could be announced at the convention.

President Wright expressed his delight and excitement at the number of Zoom participants we had. He stated that no other branch has hybrid meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Tonya Desperitt, Secretary Branch 135