



**National Association of Postal Supervisors  
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**Minutes**

**February 29, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Wright. The food was blessed, the menu described and then roll call was taken. Donalda Moss read the minutes and they were accepted as read with necessary corrections.

Officer roll call was taken.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

<b>President Marcellus Wright</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Reginald Hughes</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Darrell Young</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Secretary- Tonya Despertt</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Financial Secretary-Theresa Bailey</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Treasurer Donalda Moss</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Sergeant of Arms- Vincent Clark</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Tour 1 Representative Mary Milner</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Tour 2 Representative- Waverly Vaughn</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Tour 3 Representative – Raynard Nowden</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Station &amp; Branches Mike Alston</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Immediate Past President Alvin Harper</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Legislative Representative</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Good and Welfare Yvonne Duncan</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Administrative Office – Sekita Davis</b>	<b>Present</b>

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was no report.

**GOOD & WELFARE REPORT**

Yvonne Duncan provided the report. Cards of care/sympathy were sent to the following in January:

Cheryl Palmer – her mother passed away.

Reggie Gramblin –recuperating from surgery

Vivian Sills

Timothy Haney—family sympathy card

February report:

Funeral services for Della Hughes who was a manager in Employee & Labor Relations when she retired.

Yvonne congratulated Tonya Desperitt and Trimble on retiring and indicated that she will be sending out something to congratulate them on behalf of the branch.

She also stated that the new balance was \$310.82 (January) and that we needed to replenish funds to keep the balance at \$900.00. Donalda reminded the group that she needed receipts. President Wright will coordinate the receipts and fund replenishment.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Donalda Moss provided the January financial report. Ray Nowden has copies of the financial reports from November, December and January. November and December will be shared next month. Ray was unable to bring them up on the screen at this time. It was noted that all reports are provided to Ray Nowden for uploading to the Branch's website. Donalda reminded the membership that she still needed associate member dues. She stated that she had sent a message for associate member dues. Marty asked if she would include him in the message in future. Marty inquired if letters could be sent.

There was some discussion regarding the filing taxes on behalf of the branch. It was noted that Donalda and Marty met with Jimmy Warden to discuss branch designation as non-profit and filing taxes. Upon reviewing our 501C paperwork, Jimmy stated that in his opinion we have the correct paperwork. The IRS has the final say and will respond to the branch with the proper designation. Brian Wagner currently provides training with all of the branches, as part of a personal business venture. When we are ready, we will inquire about training with him. Once we have the IRS designation, we will be able to file taxes. The financial report was accepted as read pending audit.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Reginal Hughes shared that Ms. Hall was the acting OIC for Washington DC. Mr. Davis returned to Florida. A few PDIs have been issued to the area managers, however at this time, no one has been written up.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Darrell Young shared that he has the shirts for our State Convention. He would like to know asap who is going to the National Convention so that he can order shirts early. President Wright stated that we would be going over eligibility and who would be accepting the invitation to go. It was noted that the MD state shirt design was created with the assistance of Ray Nowden.

### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Harper stated that he had nothing to report. He said that he was waiting on settling transportation concerns for the branch as it relates to the National meeting.

President Wright called for any unfinished business. Sie Dabney shared information on transportation for the National convention. He researched group rates on SouthWest (SW) airlines and provided the information. If we travel with 16 people the cost for SW tickets would be \$273.00, and for 20 people, the cost would be \$274. The flight is 8:35 am arriving in Connecticut 9:50 am. The return flight would be 12:25 pm – 1:40 pm. If we travel individually, tickets are \$279.97 as of today. As a reminder, SW is the only airline that doesn't charge for bags. The missing piece is the transportation from the airport to the hotel. President Wright is looking into if the resident officers will be providing any transportation from the airport to the resort. President Wright went through the eligibility for the National.

Members attending National Convention are:

Name- National Attendees	
Darrell Young	Mary Milner
Reggie Hughes	Kay Hunter
Waverly Vaughn	Joslin Harris
Tonya Despertt	Marty Wright
Donalda Moss	Ray Nowden
Theresa Bailey	Mike Alston
Consuela Cuffie	Nancy Muschette
	Vincent Clark

Of the nineteen eligible members, four opted not to go. A motion was made to open the four slots and allow other members to attend. After some discussion, the motion failed.

LTS starts Sunday, there are some members going on Saturday. When preparing for LTS we ran into an issue with registering two members for the training. They were not listed on the DOC. It was noted that we should check the DOC to attempt to mitigate this happening in future. President invited members to still come out and go to the Hill on Tuesday. He also advised that we didn't have our Hill appointment yet. President Wright suggested that members go to NAPS.ORG to learn about LTS. He stated that everyone attending must go to the Town Hall scheduled for Sunday at 4:15 pm.

President Wright has been selected by NAPS HQ to lay the wreath on Sunday. Those wanting to attend should meet in the hotel lobby at 7:30 am. The wreath laying ceremony is at 9:15 am. It is unclear how we will get to Arlington Cemetery, only that Chuck Mulidore will be facilitating transportation.

President also strongly suggested that any member attending to park off site, as on-site parking was \$45.00 per night. It was voted that the Branch would only pay \$21.00 per night for parking, and it would be included in the per diem. This was moved and voted upon.

Branch 135 registered 21 people for the State Convention. There is an overflow hotel. We want to ensure all 21 people are still attending. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day to cancel. State will not be providing breakfast Friday or Saturday. Some may want to bring breakfast snacks to hold them over.

The members attending State are:

Alvin Harper	Tonya Despertt	Nicole Boone	Marty Wright
Dave Chittams	Donalda Moss	Mary Milner	Myra Hart
Darrell Young	Sekita Davis	Kay Hunter	Yvonne Duncan
Reggie Hughes	Theresa Bailey	Joslin Harris	Ray Nowden
Waverly Vaughn	Billie Trainer	Jeff Overholt	Mike Alston
			Nancy Muschette

The meals that will be provided are 2 lunches and the banquet. The Branch must also provide 2 gift cards. It is also noted that the State per capita is due this month--\$9440.00. There is also a push to raise the Per Capita at State. President Wright attended a meeting, where it was discussed that NAPS, HQ was raising their dues by \$7.00. The issue will be brought up at the State. Members are encouraged to raise questions. The projected revenue of HQ is falling short. The King St. building, which NAPS owns, has lost a lot of renters since the pandemic. We need to consider how we will handle the dues increase. Do we wait? Should we notify our members of the possibility? It was suggested that we wait. There is no guarantee that National will raise their dues. This will be tabled until we gather additional information.

Chuck Mulidore, (Executive VP), Jimmy Warden (Financial Secretary/Treasurer) and Ivan Butts (President) are campaigning and running for reelection. Richard Green (Regional VP and Troy Griffin Capital Atlantic VP are also

running for reelection. President Wright asked if we would like to have any of them come and speak to us at a branch meeting. The consensus was yes, to invite them to a meeting.

President Wright shared his conversation with Karla Kirby (HQHR) regarding PSHB. He would like to invite her to a meeting. Tonya Desperтт will reach out to her to ascertain what the minimum number of participants is, for her to facilitate the training. We will need a commitment from Branch 135 members to attend.

Past President Harper wanted to know if we still wanted to order pins for National. We spent \$2K last national on 600 pins. Perhaps, we should obtain less, however the consensus is that we still participate in this tradition.

Mike Alston spoke on safety reminding everyone to remind their employees to be safe, especially when driving an LLV. He also proposed a summer/fall event and asked members to bring their suggestions to the next meeting.

Ray Nowden was asked to refresh his email, against the monthly DOC and the sign in sheets. It was noted that he does not receive the monthly DOC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Tonya Desperтт, Secretary Branch 135