Minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The February Monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Becraft at 07:16 pm, this meeting was held via zoom.

2. President Becraft led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance, that was displayed on the screen for all to read.

4. Recording Secretary Smith read the monthly minutes from the January monthly meeting.

 President Becraft asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Brother Waltz made a motion to accept the minutes as read, with a second by Sister Caywood.

 The Motion carried.

5. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Bradley Thomas, Carla Tribuzio, Connie Lane, Anna Jakobson-McCord, Jason Shepherd, Penny Wyatt, Christopher Copley, Ava Crawford, Doug Woodyard, Richard Wajcik, Kayla Boggs, William Bugg, Blaine Ford, Edwin Jackson, Whitney Robertson, Mateen Melton, Ashland Joseph, Claude Purtnam, and Aaron Willard.

Brother Wood made a motion to accept the new members as read.

The Motion carried.

6. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on the COVID-19 Vaccinations stating it is strongly recommended to get the vaccine and can be done at no cost to you. Appointments will be open to those within phase 1B, specifically those age 70 or older. Vaccines are being administered at the following locations: Kentucky Reginal Vaccination Center inside the Alltech Arena, UK HealthCare (park in the Blue Lot), Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, Baptist Health Lexington, Lexington VA Health Care System (Bowling Campus), with appointments coming soon to CVS Pharmacy. All locations previously listed require appointments.

7. Trustee McNulty made the following motion, with a second by Sister Caywood:

2020 Budget Reconciliation Per By Laws:

1. We ended the budget year $8,621.00 in the black.
2. The e-board recommended transferring this balance of $4,471.00 to savings, $2,850.00 to the building fund, and $1,300.00 to the retiree fund.

The Motion carried.

8. Trustee Smith gave the following expenditure report for the month of January:

Trustee Expense Report January 2021:

1. Utilities $421.15
2. Per Capita $727.00
3. Salary $431.09
4. Newsletter Mailing/Postage $2,689.38
5. Postage $13.90
6. Payroll/ School Taxes $8,475.62
7. Office Supplies $171.76
8. Total Expenses: $12,929.90
9. Total Transfers: $8,621.00 (Budget Reconciliation)

 Sister Preston made a motion to accept the expense report as read, with a second by Brother Waltz

 The Motion carried.

8. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay gave the following financial report for the month of January:

January 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $6,885.64
2. Checks $12,929.90

The account balances are:

1. Checking $65,798.32 ($74,419.32)
2. Savings $76,218.48 ($71.747.48)
3. Building Fund $13,035.68 ($10,185.68)
4. Retiree Fund $15,349.61 ($14,049.61)
5. Hall Rental Fund $11,977.88
6. Convention Fund pending ($16,000.00 to be transferred from checking)
7. Transfer From Checking Account To Savings Account: $4,471.00
8. Transfer From Checking Account To Building Fund: $2,850.00
9. Transfer From Checking Account To Retiree Fund: $1,300.00

Sister Smith made a motion to accept the financial report as read, with a second by Brother McNulty

 The Motion carried.

9. President Becraft conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Sister Caywood winning, she donated the money to MDA, thanks Sidney.

10. The following items were brought up under the good of the Association:

1. President Becraft stated we have begun the bathroom renovations at the hall with a photo of progress displayed on the screen.
2. Brother Holbrook addressed the membership and ask anyone who will be off work within 8 hours on Saturday February 6, 2021 to please come to the hall to help take items out from the bathroom renovations to the dumpster, retirees please come around 4:00pm.
3. Brother McNulty addressed the membership stating that he has been making calls in regards to H.Res 47 encouraging Congress to take appropriate measures to keep from privatizing the Postal Service. Brother McNulty has contacted Representative Barr’s office to cosponsor or support H.Res 47and the only response he received was in regard to Barr’s outrage over Twitter banning the former President. Brother McNulty stated he appreciates everyone’s work to help keep a strong Postal Service.
4. Sister Caywood addressed the membership stating that we all need to be active and communicate with President Biden regarding the postal board of governors. Currently there are 3 seat vacancies, and we need to be active so we can put more postal and worker friendly members on the postal board of governors.
5. Brother Whitcomb addressed the membership reminding everyone to mail in their ballots for the contract ratifications, they are due to be received by March 1, 2021.
6. Brother Smith volunteered to assist with MDA and will work with Sister Zyla who has some great ideas.
7. Brother Wood addressed the membership asking when we should expect to receive our COVID -19 vaccinations. President Becraft stated they were due to be available in February but due to the current delays he expects it to be pushed out. President Becraft stated that Postal Employees are in group 1C as recommended by the CDC. Brother Goodpaster stated that new strings of COVID-19 are starting to effect more young people and encouraged everyone to get their names on as many lists as possible.
8. Brother Stover addressed the membership stating that it is important for Veterans to get registered with the VA as well as to have a primary care doctor if they want to receive the vaccine.
9. President Becraft addressed the membership and apologized for the technological issues during the zoom meeting. President Becraft stated that he will be changing the zoom link and it will be corrected for the next monthly meeting.

11. A motion to adjourn was made by Brother Whitcomb, with a second by Brother McNulty , the Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.