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

1. The MarchMonthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Becraft at 07:20 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.

3. Recording Secretary Smith read the monthly minutes from the February monthly meeting.

 President Becraft asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Brother Whitcomb made a motion to accept the minutes as read, with a second by Brother Wood.

 The Motion carried.

4. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Danielle Auden, Rebecca Bafowaa, Jamie Smith, Olivia Kapitzke, Whitney Chapman, Kaitlyn Bailey, Brittany James, Brett Foley, Justin Brown, Lukis Pauley, Amber Slone, Kenita Turner, Rebekah Zemo, Adam Claar, Brooklyn Bowling, and Rodney Trussell.

Brother Smith made a motion to accept the new members as read, with a second by Sister Caywood.

The Motion carried.

5. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on Cigna Telehealth Connection that lets you get the care you need. You can connect with a board-certified doctor via video chat or phone. Televists are cost-effective and cost less than going to an emergency room. Remember Telehealth services are only available for minor, non-life-threatening conditions.

6. Trustee Craig gave the following expenditure report for the month of February:

Trustee Expense Report February 2021:

1. Utilities $567.93
2. Building Supply $92.09
3. Building Maintenance $803.00
4. Newsletter Mailing/Postage $692.69
5. Postage $18.95
6. Unplanned $69.36
7. Office Supplies $154.21
8. Personal Items $1,121.18
9. Total Expenses: $3,519.41

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

 The Motion carried.

7. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay gave the following financial report for the month of February:

February 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $12,639. 35
2. Checks $3,519.41

The account balances are:

1. Checking $77,087.99
2. Savings $76,218. 48
3. Building Fund $13,035.68
4. Retiree Fund $15,349.61
5. Hall Rental Fund $11,977.88
6. Transfer from checking account to retiree fund: $1,300.00.

Brother Waltz made a motion to accept the financial report as read, with a second by Brother Holbrook

 The Motion carried.

8. President Becraft conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Sister Lynn winning.

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

1. Anna Mudd addressed the membership and discussed the board of governor’s vacancies stating 3 nominations were made and the NALC are favorable of the three people. The NALC website has information regarding each nominee. The House did pass the American Recovery Act and that article is listed as well on the NALC, one key point of the act is 15 weeks of paid emergency leave for Federal and Postal Employees.
2. Brother McNulty addressed the membership and thanked President BeCraft for his information in the newsletter in regard to NALC bargaining. Brother McNulty stated the listing of all the NALC bills are on the NALC website including H.R695 which repeals the prefunding. Brother McNulty encouraged everyone to contact their representatives and keep the pressure on them to get our legislation through.
3. Brother Whitcomb addressed the membership asking if management has a plan in regard to the mandating of carriers? President Becraft said the most we can do is follow the schedule and file grievances. Due to lack of ODL carriers and CCA’s we must follow the schedule and the pecking order. Sister Lynn addressed the membership and asked if there was language in the contract to address Sunday mandating? President BeCraft stated there is language in the local that states management must follow the pecking order. Sunday’s are nonscheduled days and there are pecking orders that allow for carriers to get scheduled to work. Brother East addressed the membership and ask what the remedy would be if someone was scheduled inappropriately on a Sunday? President BeCraft stated that it would vary by case. Brother Whitcomb addressed the membership and stated the two issues with mandating on Sunday’s include the schedule not being posted by the Wednesday prior and once carriers are mandated, not having 8 hours of work available. Sister Preston addressed the membership stated that the contract does not state Sunday is a nonscheduled day, it states that you get two non-scheduled days, and those days are treated the same. Sister Caywood addressed the membership and ask if carriers were working over 60 hours? President BeCraft stated that he has found over $14, 000 from carriers working over 60 hours. Brother Barker addressed the membership and ask if he used leave would it block his Sunday? President Becraft stated that any leave taken in conjunction with a non-scheduled day would block their Sunday as long as they were using annual leave.
4. Brother Whitcomb ask if we would have a food drive this year? Brother Clark said right now it has not been canceled but he would not anticipate it going forward.

10. A motion to adjourn was made by Brother Smith with a second by Brother Waltz , the Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.