Minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The May Monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Becraft at 07:13 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 April monthly meeting.

President Becraft asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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

The Motion carried.

4. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Jonathan Brunson, Edward Lindahl, and Chad Massingill.  
  
Brother Waltz made a motion to accept the new members as read, with a second by Brother Wood.  
  
The Motion carried.

5. Recording Secretary Smith read the By-Law changes. Brother Holbrook stated that the Table of Contents were updated to reflect the changes made in the body.

Brother Holbrook made a motion to accept the By-Law changes as read, with a second by Sister Preston.

The Motion Carried.

6. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on Mental Health, stating that May is Mental Health Awareness month. Brother Whitcomb stated that he defines mental health as the degree to which you can accept yourself. Brother Whitcomb stated there are several different ways to maintain your mental health, you can do so by:

1. Maintaining familiar routines or create new ones.
2. Attempting to set boundaries for a good work-life balance.
3. Taking a media break.
4. Connecting and sharing positivity with friends, family, and colleagues.

Follow the World Health Organization for more tips on how to stay healthy at home.

7. Trustee Smith gave the following expenditure report for the month of April:

Trustee Expense Report April 2021:

1. Utilities $863.33
2. Payroll/School Tax $ 1,173.45
3. Building Maintenance $ 10,000.00
4. Newsletter Mailing/Postage $ 643.02
5. Food Drive $ 750.00
6. Office Supplies $ 1,130.44
7. Total Expenses: $ 14,560.24

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

The Motion carried.

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

April 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $11, 750.39
2. Checks $ 14,560.24

The account balances are:

1. Checking $77,635.21
2. Savings $76,222.72
3. Building Fund $13,037.18
4. Retiree Fund $15,351.45
5. Hall Rental Fund $11,979.35
6. Convention Fund ($16,000.00 pending)

Brother O’Bryant made a motion to accept the financial report as read, with a second by Sister Preston.

The Motion carried.

9. President Becraft conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Brother Holbrook winning. Brother Holbrook donated his winnings to MDA, thanks Mike!

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

1. Anna Mudd addressed the membership and thanked Zed Waltz for stepping up as the 6th Congressional Liaison. Sister Mudd stated that all three board of governors were advanced by the senate panel and that the NALC will be able to work well with the nominees. Sister Mudd stated once we have a full board, we can begin to address some key issues and she reminded members to look for a postal reform bill that will address the prefunding issue that we have been working to get rid of for several years. Sister Mudd stated that CCA’s who are enrolled and contributing to the political fund and will be converted should remain on the rolls after conversion and that she will attempt to confirm this prior to our next meeting. Sister Mudd thanked the membership for allowing her to provide an update every month.
2. Brother McNulty addressed the membership stating the Postal Fairness Act is reform bill number 695 and the NALC has worked extremely hard for this. Brother McNulty reminded members to keep putting the pressure on these representatives and the best way he has found to do so, is by going online and sending your representative an email. Remember to only do so off the clock and out of uniform. Brother McNulty urged everyone to take some time and send an email to your congressional representatives.
3. Brother Evers addressed the membership and reminded them that May is the month for our annual food drive. Brother Evers reminded members that on the back page of the newsletter is the link to donate for the food drive, so keep that in mind and please make sure to donate.
   1. President Becraft ask the members to please make donations via the NALC website.
4. Sister Caywood stated regarding the mandate of full-time employees and shortage of CCA’s she monitored the USPS website and up until May 1, 2021, there were no links available for Lexington or the AO’s for individuals to apply.
   1. President Becraft stated Cardoza was good at leaving the link open but has been gone for approximately four months and that would contribute to the links not being available.
5. Brother Whitcomb addressed the membership and ask for an estimated return to monthly meetings at the Union Hall as well as completion of the bathroom renovations.
   1. President Becraft stated he is hoping to return to the hall for the July monthly meeting.
   2. Brother McNulty addressed the membership and stated regarding the bathroom renovations, when the waterlines were tested a leak was found.
      1. Brother Holbrook stated that the waterline would not hold pressure so new drain lines had to be run, a trap was installed, and now our plumbing is up to code. Brother Holbrook stated he believes we will come in under $30,000.00 on our bathroom renovations and we were approved to spend up to $35,000.00.
6. President Becraft addressed the membership and stated that the audit of last year’s books resulted in a surplus of $4 or $5,000.00 additional dollars. The additional funds were a result of a deposit that did not hit the account until the audit was complete. President Becraft stated the Eboard had discussed renovating the kitchen with these additional funds to include new flooring, freshening up the counters, new dishwasher, fridge, sink, and tile work.
7. Brother Holbrook made a recommendation to use the additional funds of $6,000.00 as well as any remaining funds from the bathroom renovations, to renovate the Union Hall Kitchen, with a second by Brother Smith. The Motion carried.

11. A motion to adjourn was made by Sister Caywood. The Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.