Minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The June monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Becraft at 07:18 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 May 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 Sister Preston.

The motion carried.

4. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Daryn Starr, Tyler Hendrickson, Geoffrey James, Denises Gracia, Christopher Middleton, and Christopher Doole.   
  
Brother Waltz made a motion to accept the new members as read, with a second by Brother Goodpaster.  
  
The Motion carried.

5. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on Heat related illness. Brother Whitcomb stated there are three (3) types of heat related illnesses: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Some signs of heat cramps are painful cramps especially in the legs and moist skin. Some signs of heat exhaustion are muscle cramps, nausea, vomiting and weakness. Some signs of heat stroke are warm, dry skin, fatigue, vomiting, nausea, and headache. Brother Whitcomb stated that it is important to stop what you are doing and get to a cool place if you are experiencing any of these symptoms. To prevent heat related illness be mindful that it takes about ten (10) days for your body to acclimate once the weather changes, so give your body time to adjust. Stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun. When it is hot check on your coworkers and make sure they are staying safe.

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

Trustee Expense Report May 2021:

1. Utilities $653.40
2. MDA $150.00
3. Building Maintenance $ 2,518.56
4. Newsletter Mailing/Postage $ 61.11
5. Retiree Appreciation $ 3,598.21
6. Office Supplies $ 45.83
7. Total Expenses: $ 7,027.11

Brother Goodpaster made a motion to accept the expense report as read with a second by Brother Holbrook.

The Motion carried.

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

May 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $11, 878.20
2. Checks $ 7,027.11

The account balances are:

1. Checking $82, 486.30
2. Savings $76,222.72
3. Building Fund $13,037.18
4. Retiree Fund $15,351.45
5. Hall Rental Fund $11,980.84

Brother Wood made a motion to accept the financial report as read, with a second from Brother Collins.

The Motion carried.

8. President Becraft conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Brother McNulty winning. Brother McNulty donated his winnings to MDA, thanks Bob!

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

1. Brother McNulty spoke on the Labor Day picnic stating that it is scheduled for Monday, September 6, 2021. Brother McNulty ask that we provide a postal vehicle stating the postal vehicle receives a lot of positive feedback. Brother McNulty stated that he had been in contact with Brother Mike Smith from Branch 374 and the state convention has been scheduled for February 26 and 27, 2022, that falls on a Saturday night and a Sunday. Brother McNulty stated he will provide more details in the coming months.
2. President Becraft ask if the state conventions are for delegates only?
3. Brother McNulty stated he does not recall turning anyone away but only delegates can vote.
4. President Becraft stated he wants to return to the hall for the July 13, 2021, meeting. President Becraft stated anyone wanting to attend in-person please contact Crystal or Denise after July 9, 2021, to determine if we will have the in-person meeting. President Becraft stated that we will still have zoom meetings in conjunction with the in-person meetings.
5. Brother Whitcomb stated that as of July the CDC is predicting that 70% of all Americans will be vaccinated, will we still have a mask mandate for the in-person meetings?
   1. President Becraft stated yes there will be a mask mandate for the safety of everyone.
6. President Becraft stated we have tickets for two (2) Legend’s ball games scheduled for July 20, 2021, and August 31, 2021, get with a steward to purchase tickets.
7. President Becraft stated we are attempting to sort out the annual picnic but due to parking issues at the new playground as well as covid, we will more than likely combine it with the fall festival, if we do get it scheduled elsewhere. If you have any feedback, please let us know.
8. President Becraft stated most local negotiations are complete and signed, finalized locals are posted on our branch website.
9. President Becraft stated he received an email from district stating that Louisville is asking for volunteers.
10. Brother Clark stated that by providing volunteers if it jeopardizes or infringes on the rights of the losing installation, we need to make sure to file those grievances.
11. Brother Holbrook stated based on the national retiree article that came out, if the postal service requested from OPM, the post office could get some retirees to fill these vacancies.
12. Brother Wood ask if a date could be provided for the pay increase CCA’s are expected to receive?
    1. President Becraft said he would need to look up the dates.
    2. Brother Clark stated it takes effect on June 19, 2021.
13. Brother Stover ask with the upcoming holiday will carriers need to inform management prior if they want additional leave or pay for working their holiday?
    1. President Becraft stated he will need to determine how this should be handled and put something in writing prior to the holiday.

12. A motion to adjourn was made by Sister Preston with a second by Brother Waltz. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.