Minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The July monthly 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 June monthly meeting.

 President Becraft asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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

 The motion carried.

4. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Elmedin Hasani, Darvin Awiles, Parker Cawfield, Shawn Durham, Prentice Hollon, Tony Layne, Carl Hogsed, Jennifer McConniel, Byron Wolfe, Georgia Turner, and Adrian Scholes.

Sister Preston made a motion to accept the new members as read, with a second by Sister Lindsay.

The Motion carried.

5. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on the return of Covid. There is a Delta variant that has prompted new worries from the public and the possible need for a booster shot. However, leading experts say that a booster shot is not needed at this time. The Pfizer vaccine is still about 80 to 88 percent effective against the Delta variant. In the US nearly 50 percent of all residents are fully vaccinated.

6. Trustee McNulty gave the following expenditure report for the month of June:

 Trustee Expense Report June 2021:

1. Utilities $2, 110.90
2. Participation $50.00
3. Building Maintenance $ 3, 349.22
4. Newsletter Mailing/Postage $ 586. 18
5. Postage $ 7.95
6. Office Supplies $ 151. 28
7. Salaries $ 17, 397. 65
8. Total Expenses: $ 23, 653. 18

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

 The Motion carried.

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

 June 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $6, 302.31
2. Checks $ 23, 653.18

The account balances are:

1. Checking $65, 135.43
2. Savings $76,237.22
3. Building Fund $13,038.80
4. Retiree Fund $15,353.36
5. Hall Rental Fund $11, 980.84

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

 The Motion carried.

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

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

1. Sister Anna Mudd addressed the membership and spoke on the Postal Service Reform Act that has 43 sponsors in the House. Sister Mudd urged everyone to go to the NALC website and follow the legislative link to send emails daily to support this legislation. Sister Mudd stated that she will email Ken the instruction sheet on how to do this, in case anyone has trouble. Sister Mudd stated this legislation will be exceptionally good for the Post Office and the NALC if passed. Sister Mudd spoke on the Federal Retirement Fairness Act H.R. 2478 that would allow TE’s and CCA’s to buy their time back to put toward their retirement. Sister Mudd stated that a lot of members are realizing that good things for us must go through legislation. Sister Mudd stated that Hal Rogers did sign on to the prefunding bill last week so when contacting your representatives remind them that Republicans in Kentucky support this legislation. Sister Mudd addressed the membership and thanked the two members who came to help raise money during the Branch 14 MDA cornhole tournament.
2. Brother McNulty spoke on the Social Security Fairness Act stating that it would benefit our members and would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision. Brother McNulty stated that he wanted to thank Anna for her hard work and to remind members that this legislation is not only for people who are retiring or those who are currently retired, but also good for any employee in the Postal Service. Brother McNulty stated the Central Labor Council has demonstrations for the PRO Act planned for the week of the 20th, to allow for the people to organize and join into labor unions. Brother McNulty stated the Labor Day picnic is scheduled for Monday, September 6, 2021, from 11:00 am-4:00 pm at Masterson Station Park. All union members and their families are welcome to come out as there will be a lot of fun games for the kids and family activities. Brother McNulty stated there is also an option to volunteer to help with activities, so please come out.
3. President Becraft stated we will return to the hall for the August 03, 2021, meeting and mask will be required.
	1. Brother Collins ask if we will have food for the in-person meeting?
		1. President Becraft stated we will wait until September unless someone volunteers to grill and we can keep the food outside then we can have food at the August meeting.
		2. Brother Whitcomb and Waltz will grill for the August meeting.
	2. Brother Collins ask if the restrooms were complete?
	3. President Becraft stated yes, they are complete, but we need to clean up the hall. A hall cleanup date is scheduled for July 25, 2021, and it is posted on the branch website.
4. President Becraft stated we have tickets for two (2) Legend’s ball games scheduled for July 20, 2021, and August 31, 2021. Brother Bob McNulty will oversee the tickets and will distribute the tickets in front of the ticket counter at the game. President Becraft stated these are make-up games from last year, so he is unsure of which suite they gave us. Tickets are free and the suite will accommodate twenty (20) people.
5. President Becraft stated there will be no picnic this year however the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 18 at Eckert’s Orchard. President Becraft stated we do need a count so we can pay for tickets in advance as the union will cover the cost of the Fall Festival.
6. President Becraft stated the Lexington local has been sent to be printed but it will take some time for the AOs as we are unable to print them in house and will need to pay to have it done this year. Finalized locals are posted on our branch website.

12. A motion to adjourn was made by Sister Preston with a second by Brother Collins. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.