Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The September monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Becraft at 7:22 pm, this meeting was held via zoom.

2. President Becraft led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Becraft asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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

The motion carried.

4. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361:

Jeffrey Dinsmore, James Partin, Ridha Omar, William Ryan, Zayne Sammons, Amber O’Bryant, and Paul Baker.

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

The Motion carried.

5. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on five ways to create a positive work environment. First, stop complaining! It may seem simple but stop and think how often do I catch myself complaining? Second, start listening to people! In order to do this, you need to stop, make eye contact, and listen. People want to be heard and feel valued. Third, stop gossiping! We must make ourselves unavailable for gossip. Be mindful of our own gossiping and making ourselves unavailable to gossip. Fourth, have fun together! Find ways to have fun together, we need to put our attention and energy toward having fun. The last and yet the most important of the five is to appreciate the people around you! Learn to appreciate others and learn to be receptive to appreciation.

6. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay gave the following expenditure report for the month of August:

Trustee Expense Report August 2021:

1. Utilities $560.65
2. Participation $50.00
3. Building Maintenance $ 5,115.40
4. Bonding/Insurance $ 5,940.00
5. Postage $ 63.55
6. Office Supplies $ 45.83
7. Mileage $ 133.00
8. Newsletter $ 610.29
9. Retiree Appreciation $ 674.51
10. Per Capita $ 7.00
11. Total Expenses: $ 13,200.23

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

The Motion carried.

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

August 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $ 24,732.16
2. Checks $ 13, 200.23

The account balances are:

1. Checking $ 79,139.40
2. Savings $76,237.22
3. Building Fund $13,038.80
4. Retiree Fund $15,353.36
5. Hall Rental Fund $11, 980.84

Sister Caywood 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 Stover winning. Brother Stover donated his winnings to MDA, thanks Kevin!

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

1. Brother McNulty addressed the membership stating the trustees have fulfilled their obligation and completed their audit of the books. The book audits are completed after the beginning of the year and middle of the year. Brother McNulty stated the Trustees and the Treasurer found everything to be in order. Brother McNulty stated that Pieratts delivered the dishwasher and refrigerator for the kitchen, and we are waiting on the installation of both units. Brother McNulty stated that he wanted to reiterate the senate bill and the house bills which are available to review when you go on the NALC website or app and take action, please remember to take action daily. Brother McNulty stated hopefully Congress is coming back from recess and are discussing the Postal Reform, the main thing is to put the Postal Service on firm financial footing. Brother McNulty stated that he was on the teleconference Brother Clark discussed at the last meeting and heard President Rolando speak and he is cautiously optimistic we are going in a new direction.
2. President Becraft addressed the membership and stated he could send pictures of the hall renovations via email to anyone who would like to see them.
3. Brother Holbrook addressed the membership and stated two of the bathroom partitions had indentions in them, so two replacements were sent and received today with no blemishes. Brother Holbrook stated final renovation projects include installation of remaining partitions in the women’s restroom, installation of kitchen appliances, and touching up paint.
   1. Brother McNulty ask if painting around the blinds would be necessary?
   2. Brother Holbrook stated that he has already painted. The hall requires a good cleanup after completion of the renovations.

10. A motion to adjourn was made by Sister Lindsay with a second by Brother Wood. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.