Minutes from the January 4, 2022 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The January monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Preston at 7:10 pm, this meeting was held via zoom.
2. Trustee McNulty led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Recording Secretary Smith read the monthly minutes from the December monthly meeting.

President Preston asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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

 The Motion carried.

The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Shannon Brewer, Ashley Carter, Tiffany McKinney, Jessica Johnson, Albert Fox, Bradley Ratliff, Eltra Sharp, Shawn Edens, Jeremy Bales, Kimberly Dunaway, Judith McKenney, Michael Tallon, Andrew Askin, Samantha Riddell, Alicia Wingate, Andrew Inman, Jacob Thompson, Michael Bowling, Ganesh Khadka, Angela Russo, Jesse Lyke, Keisha Dunlap, Kristin Day, Ananda Khatiwada, Barry Thompson, James Griggs, Brian Wood, Colton Horn, Jeffrey Faulkner, Matthew Wuthingten and Lee Agee.

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

The Motion carried.

1. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on tips for staying warm: 1) avoid going out for alcoholic drinks, while you may think this will keep you warm it draws heat away, 2) wear mittens as they are better than gloves because fingers benefit from the collective warmth, 3) do not run your hands under hot water instead use lukewarm water to prevent them from burning. Brother Whitcomb asked the membership to reach out to current retirees and ask them if they have uniforms and/or jackets, they can donate. Please bring any donated uniforms or jackets to the Hall as we are in need of them.
2. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay gave the following expenditure report for the month of December:

 Trustee Expense Report December 2021:

1. Utilities $ 2,214.25
2. Participation $ 50.00
3. Office Supplies $ 257.81
4. Presidents Fund $ 27.03
5. Building Maintenance $ 2,138.65
6. Newsletter $ 1,340.90
7. Retiree Appreciation $ 1,000.00
8. Unplanned $ 185.53
9. Postage $ 58.00
10. Salaries $ 17,475.62
11. Total Expenses: $ 24,747.79

 Brother McNulty made a motion to accept the expense report as read with a second by Brother Smith.

 The Motion carried.

1. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay gave the following financial report for the month of December:

 December 2021 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $ 18,890.71
2. Checks $ 24,747.79

The account balances are:

1. Checking $ 73,220.52
2. Savings $ 76,256.44
3. Building Fund $ 13,042.08
4. Retiree Fund $ 15,357.22
5. Hall Rental Fund $ 11, 983.86
6. Convention Fund $ 16,002.54

Sister Caywood made a motion to accept the financial report as read, with a second from Brother Harris.

 The Motion carried.

1. President Preston conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Brother Clark winning. Brother Clark donated his winnings to MDA, thanks Troy!

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

1. Brother McNulty addressed the membership stating Postal Reform takes time, the last one took twelve years. Brother McNulty reminded members to take action daily stating he took action today and it does not take long. Brother McNulty stated to continue to contact your Senators and representatives, we need to keep pushing, hopefully the bill will go to the floor in the House and the Senate. Brother McNulty reminded members that there are a lot of good things in these bills.
2. Sister Caywood addressed the membership stating she received the Postal Record and read the article regarding the upcoming convention. Sister Caywood stated she was responsible for reservations in previous years stating the sooner we return the delegate list to National the better chances we have of booking and confirming rooms.
	1. Sister Lindsay stated that some branches receive the information prior to other branches.
	2. Sister Caywood stated we do not need all the delegates names as we could reserve, for example ten (10) rooms in the branches name and then go back and cancel one or two rooms if needed once the branch determines the eligible delegates. Sister Caywood stated the closer you can stay to the convention center the better.
	3. Brother Clark stated that he agrees with Sister Caywood the sooner the rooms are booked the better. Brother Clark stated on the member only portal there should be a link for the convention that all secretaries have access to.
3. Brother Smith addressed the membership stating he would like to thank those who gave supplies for the homeless veterans. Brother Smith stated he hopes to do the same next year so in the meantime, if you go to hotels and they have the small toiletries please collect the items for him. Brother Smith stated he would also like to thank President Becraft for his donation, it helped a lot
	1. President Preston thanked Brother Smith for taking care of this, stating it was nice of you to do.
4. Brother McNulty addressed the membership stating if you have a need for or want to talk to the Business Agents Office you need to contact David Mudd as he is the new National Business Agent (NBA).
	1. Brother Clark stated he has retired and while David Mudd is the new Business Agent, he is here to help the branch in any capacity he can.
5. A motion to adjourn was made by Brother Wood with a second by Brother Smith. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.