Minutes from the April 5, 2022 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The April monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Preston at 7:06 pm, this meeting was held in person as well as via zoom.
2. President Preston asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence for those serving and those who have passed.
3. Brother Hudson led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Recording Secretary Smith read the monthly minutes from the March monthly meeting.

President Preston asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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

The Motion carried.

1. The following items were brought up under Communications:
   1. Brother McNulty addressed the members and thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Brother McNulty stated that the reception at the Union Hall was one of the best events he has attended, and it was great to have President Rolando here. Brother McNulty stated this is a legislative and political season and the Social Security Act has more legislation coming down and we will need your help again. Brother McNulty stated we had all 6 of our US reps voting for H.R. 3076 in the House and we need to thank our Congressional Liaison in the 6th district Brother Waltz. Brother McNulty stated we must stay vigilant on the Postal Service; we want a strong Postal Service and we had 79 Senators vote on H.R. 3076. Thanks again and keep pushing on.
      1. Brother Holbrook stated that the Senate sent H.R. 3076 to the President’s desk on March 28, 2022, so now he has 10 days to sign it so that will be this Friday.
      2. Brother Collins ask if there was any word on the Bill to make daylight savings time permanent?
         1. Brother Holbrook stated that Bill is still up for discussion.
   2. President Preston stated that they finally came out with our new JCAM.
2. The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Brandy Wolf, Noah Watson, Anne Webb, James Polly, Janie Patterson, Winston Cinnamon, Benjamin Dever, Jerad Roahrig, Dakota Barrett, and David Stevens.

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

The Motion carried.

1. Brother Collins asked what is the total number of members?
   1. Vice President Waltz stated there are 402 members.
2. Sister Caywood asked if those are active members, not including retirees?
   1. Vice President Waltz stated that is correct that does not include retirees.
   2. Sister Lindsay stated we have 389 members and 185 retirees.
3. Brother Holbrook stated we have over 50 gold card members.
4. Brother McNulty stated we have 624 total members
5. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb thanked everyone for coming out to the Hall and stated we have over 500 years’ experience in this meeting, the knowledge in this room brings chills to my spine, you all are a treasure. Brother Whitcomb stated that April is National IBS Awareness Month. The International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD) focuses attention on important health messages about Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). IBS is common yet many people remain undiagnosed. Some helpful tips to control your IBS include relaxing to find relief. Incorporate relaxation techniques into your daily lives such as meditation and yoga. Breakfast is important to help Bowel Movements so make sure to have breakfast. For more information visit iffgd.org. It’s good to see everybody.
6. Trustee Smith gave the following expenditure report for the month of March:

Trustee Expense Report March 2022:

1. Utilities $ 726.34
2. Participation $ 50.00
3. Office Supplies $ 577.41
4. Retiree Appreciation $ 7,643.03
5. Insurance/Bonding $ 501.96
6. Newsletter $ 2,168.22
7. Building Supply $ 35.60
8. Building Maintenance $ 2,218.33
9. Postage $ 8.70
10. Training $ 36.91
11. Convention Fund $ 102.85
12. President’s Fund $ 157.03
13. Meeting Meal/Drinks $ 206.05
14. Total Expenses: $ 14,432.43

Brother Collins made a motion to accept the expense report as read with a second by Brother Winburn.

The Motion carried.

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

March 2022 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $ 13,872.23
2. Checks $ 14, 432.43

The account balances are:

1. Checking $ 73,735.15
2. Savings $ 76,265.84
3. Building Fund $ 13,043.69
4. Retiree Fund $ 15,359.11
5. Hall Rental Fund $ 11, 985.33
6. Convention Fund $ 18,004.60

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

The Motion carried.

1. The following items were brought up under New Business:
2. Brother Whitcomb addressed the membership and stated there was concern about the upcoming National Convention regarding parking.
   1. Sister Lindsay stated we will have a meeting with delegates after this meeting to discuss the Convention.
3. Sister Dunn addressed the membership and ask if we will start renting the Union Hall again?
   1. President Preston stated that the Eboard will discuss this as well as meals for the monthly meetings.
   2. Brother Collins ask if the board is going to open the Union Hall up to non-members.
      1. President Preston stated no, we are also going to redo the contract for the Hall rentals.
4. Sister Lindsay addressed the membership and stated that for active members they came out with a new breathable top and its athletic cut so keep that in mind as it’s now an option.
   1. Sister Dunn stated the tops are $50.00
   2. Sister Barron stated she has found them for $35 and $39.
5. Brother Holbrook addressed the membership and asked what’s the progress on the Food Drive?
   1. President Preston stated as of right now the food drive is still going. If you all know anybody who wants to help or be a coordinator for the food drive, please contact me or Brother Waltz.
      1. Sister Caywood ask if the date for the food drive was the 14th?
      2. President Preston stated yes
      3. Brother Clark stated that he believes the newsletter said retirees could go to their home stations is that correct or do we need to contact someone?
         1. President Preston stated yes contact Brother Waltz and let him know.
      4. Sister Caywood stated that she knows we have tons of bags and cards in the storage room and assumes they are not separated, I suggest we get a list of people who can sort bags and cards out for the AOs to pick up. This should probably be done by the first of May.
         1. Sister Armstrong stated she will handle Bluegrass.
            1. Brother Whitcomb said he would help Sister Armstrong with Bluegrass.
      5. Sister Caywood stated this would be a great topic for President Preston to discuss at the labor management meeting as it’s good publicity for the Post Office,
      6. Brother Holbrook stated that if we had a steward training the third week of April, they could take their bags and cards.
      7. Brother Clark ask if we stapled the cards to the bags, stating it provides a better turn out.
         1. Sister Lindsay stated the bags now have the saying on them from the cards
6. Sister Caywood addressed the membership and suggested that we use the money budgeted for the meetings for pizza or sandwiches, something members can grab off a tray.
   1. President Preston stated this would be discussed at the next Eboard Meeting.
7. President Preston conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Brother White winning. Brother White donated his winnings to MDA, thanks Jim!
8. President Preston conducted the 50/50 drawing for MDA with Sister Lindsay winning. Sister Lindsay donated her winnings to MDA, thanks Cindi.
9. The following items were brought up under the good of the Association:
10. President Preston stated delegates need to stay after the meeting adjourns
11. Brother Kirkland addressed the membership and gave thanks for the Retiree Luncheon. Brother Kirkland stated that he was happy to see the CCA’s who attended but every CCA needs to get involved. Brother Kirkland stated Zed and Crystal both need to get in the Leadership Academy. Brother Kirkland suggested looking for a solution as members will always want to hang items on the wall when renting the Union Hall. Brother Kirkland stated with the 50 gold card members that means the branch is going to lose their address because they fall out of the OPM database. Brother Kirkland stated that he enjoys these conversations even if he cannot be there in person.
12. A motion to adjourn was made by Brother Smith with a second by Sister Lindsay. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.