Minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting of Branch 361 NALC

1. The March monthly meeting of Branch 361 was called to order by President Preston at 7:07pm, this meeting was held via zoom.
2. Brother Hudson led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Recording Secretary Smith read the monthly minutes from the February monthly meeting.

President Preston asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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

 The Motion carried.

The following carriers submitted applications for membership in the NALC and Branch 361: Nshimirimama Redampteur, Logan Wilson, Francisco Buya, Zachary Patrick, Clifton Acey, Micah Dople, Nicholas Smith, Candace Tackett, William Knoll, Thomas Sturgill, William Pence and Tatiana Ayala.

Brother East made a motion to accept the new members as read, with a second by Brother Clark.

The Motion carried.

1. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay gave the following expenditure report for the month of February:

 Trustee Expense Report February 2022:

1. Utilities $ 804.59
2. Participation $ 50.00
3. Office Supplies $ 135.95
4. Building Maintenance $ 2,924.40
5. Lost Benefits $ 353.67
6. Newsletter $ 1,371.69
7. (084) Union Time $ 1,358.89
8. Postage $ 132.05
9. District Meeting $ 1,355.25
10. Per Capita $7.00
11. Retiree Appreciation $130.33
12. Total Expenses: $ 8,623.82

\*Transferred $2,000 from checking account to convention fund.

 Brother Clark made a motion to accept the expense report as read with a second by Brother Wiles.

 The Motion carried.

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

 February 2022 Financial Report:

1. Deposits $ 13,499.11
2. Checks $ 8,623.82

The account balances are:

1. Checking $ 74,295.25
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 $ 18,002.54

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

 The Motion carried.

1. President Preston conducted the $50 door prize drawing with Brother Williams winning. Brother Williams donated his winnings to MDA, thanks Brian!
2. The following items were brought up under the good of the Association:
3. Brother McNulty addressed the membership regarding the KY State Convention. Brother McNulty stated that Representative Comer who cosponsored H.R. 3076 came to speak and it was one of the best interactions most of us have had with a representative of Congress. Brother McNulty stated that H.R. 3076 is a win/win. Brother McNulty stated there is a new President in Owensboro and people were sad that President Preston could not attend as they were anxious to meet her. Brother McNulty stated that it was good to be back in person and to have President Rolando on to install the officer’s, stating President Rolando was looking forward to coming to Lexington this weekend. Brother McNulty stated that we had the New Business Agent, new RAA and new delegates to attend the convention, stating we need new people to get involved. All in all, it went well and Branch 361 was represented well. Branch 361 ask good questions such as management not allowing union time and how to address that. Brother McNulty stated that Brother Holbrook’s wife Helen gave a good speech on COVID. Brother McNulty stated he wanted to thank everybody further stating he is glad to be our State President.
	1. Brother Holbrook advised that H.R. 3076 passed 74-20 and now it will be up for amendments.
	2. President Preston stated that she spoke to the members from our branch and they really enjoyed the convention and learned a lot.
4. Brother Holbrook addressed the membership regarding the retiree luncheon and reception stating the announcement is posted on the branch website, branch Facebook page as well as at the stations. Brother Holbrook stated we will have President Rolando speak on hopefully the Postal Reform that has passed or the topic of his choosing. Brother Holbrook stated that the luncheon will begin at 12:30 and will hopefully be over by 3:00pm with the reception to follow at 3:30pm. Brother Holbrook stated that the reception will be capacity controlled at 45 people so call Denise, Zed, or Crystal to reserve your spot. Brother Holbrook stated that almost everyone on the zoom meeting tonight is signed up for the retiree luncheon however you can contact him by Friday if you would like to attend the luncheon.
	1. Brother Waltz stated there are some new members on the meeting tonight and he believes this will be a good opportunity for them to come out to see the Union Hall and talk to the people who really know their stuff such as Brother Kirkland and Brother Clark who will both be in attendance.
	2. President Preston stated that David and Anna Mudd will be in attendance as well.
	3. Sister Armstrong ask what time is the reception?
		1. Brother Waltz stated the reception is this Sunday at 3:30pm.
	4. Brother Holbrook stated the information is listed on our branch Facebook page, the branch website and it should be posted at the stations. Brother Holbrook stated that members have until Friday to respond.
	5. Sister Armstrong stated that she is interested in coming.
	6. Sister Dunlap ask if she would be allowed to leave amazon Sunday early in order to attend?
		1. President Preston stated that if you are scheduled to work Sunday you have to work.
		2. Sister Lindsay stated that Sister Dunlap should ask her supervisor if they will let her leave around 3:30pm to attend.
		3. Brother Waltz ask Sister Dunlap what station she is at?
			1. Sister Dunlap stated she is working at Brentwood.
			2. Brother Waltz stated that he would talk to Crystal and Denise and see if we can discuss with her manager the ability for her to attend the reception.
		4. Jason Baker stated he will attend as well.
5. President Preston ask Brother Holbrook if there were issues with parking for the luncheon?
	1. Brother Holbrook stated parking is available in the shopping center on Broadway where Jersey Mikes is located. Brother Holbrook stated the majority of the businesses are closed Sunday so we can use that parking lot along with the parking lot by Copper Roux to accommodate 50 to 60.
6. Brother Whitcomb addressed the membership and ask how prepared is the Union Hall for Sunday? Brother Whitcomb ask if someone wanted to volunteer who would they contact?
	1. President Preston stated there was not a whole lot left to do but you can get with Brother Waltz on that.
7. Health Benefits Representative Whitcomb spoke on taking a baby aspirin daily. Brother Whitcomb stated a recent study reviewed if a daily baby aspirin prevents strokes or heart attacks. A study was conducted on 20,000 people, of those enrolled 50% were given a placebo and the other 50% took a baby aspirin daily for 5 years. The participants did not have heart disease nor were they at risk of a heart attack. The study showed an increase in bleeding for those who took the baby aspirin. So, should you take a daily aspirin? It depends. You should talk to your doctor to determine if taking a daily aspirin is right for you.

A motion to adjourn was made by President Preston with a second by Brother Wiles. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.