

Western Michigan Area Local #281
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. at the APWU Union Hall, located at 2554 Burlingame Ave SW; Wyoming, MI 49509 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Short Invocation.

Number of Members at this month's meeting: 30

Roll Call of Officers:

The following officers were present:

President – Amy Puhalski

Executive Vice-President – Ray Novakoski

Recording Secretary – Michael Long

Treasurer – Linda Chandler

Clerk Craft Director – Roy Bailey

Motor Vehicle Craft Director – Tracy Fleming

Sergeant at Arms – Dan Quillin

The following officers were not present: **Maintenance Craft Director** – James Smith, **Associate Office Director** – Jack Fryling

Review of previous meeting's minutes: May's General Membership Meeting minutes were posted. Michael Long motioned, Cynthia Delafuente, seconded to accept the minutes as posted. Carried.

Applications for Membership (Accepted by Voice Vote of Membership): None

Bills: None

Officer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Report ending May 31, 2012 was read. Motion by: Michael Long, Seconded by: Roy Bailey to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried

President's Report:

S.1789 has moved from the Senate to the House of Representatives. The following is a list of the 39 amendments that came up for a vote and which Senator proposed these:

Clerk Craft Report

I am back on the workroom floor. I was called to the Northeast Office on Friday. We feel this is in direct retaliation to Stewards duty grievances and Labor Charges that we filed. Just in one day, we have filed 13 grievances regarding this issue; not to mention more Labor Charges. Management messed with the wrong union/person.

Legislative - Postal Reform. Go to APWU.org and scroll down to the Legislative site. Sign up for e-Alerts to keep you informed.

Maintenance Craft Report It is nice to see a lot of Maintenance employees today.

I hear Union People say: “those officers are always in the union room/office.” We are blessed. We are filing grievances and we make sure the contract is being followed and adhered to.

Motor Vehicle Craft Report

There seems to be a problem with some of the employees that go around feel that the contract doesn't apply to them. The contract applies to members and non-members alike.

PSE hiring. Management is looking at hiring PSEs outside the negotiated salary rate. The only way they can do this if the union agrees at the National level.

Associate Office Report:

On the union website, there was an article regarding the agreement to the Level 7 Lead Clerk positions. There is some Q&As; however, there are still some questions regarding to how other things will be affected (weekends, PSEs, etc.). One I receive information back, I will forward out to the field.

Retiree's President Report:

When Roth first started doing our routes, he was nothing and Barnaby was the main player in town. Today Roth is a multi-millionaire, thanks to the Postal Service.

Amway is supporting Governor Walker (R- Wisconsin) in his fight against his recall. They stand together.

The fifteenth is coming up quick. We all need to contact our Representatives. Make the phone calls and write those letters.

Committee Reports:

Resolutions Committee – the Resolutions that we have brought forth to the Michigan State Convention from our local is on the Sergeant at Arms table if you wish to view.

A&E Committee - Had a great Casino trip. Had a few winners. Might have another in the fall.

Correspondence: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

E-Board Recommendations:

To send the President to the National Pre-Convention workshops with one day lost time, one night hotel, and one day per diem. Carried

The floor was opened up for new business:

Motion by: James Smith, Seconded by: Thomas Calkins, to pay up to three days of Lost Time for Greg Carlson to learn Maintenance Staffing. Discussion. Carried

Labor Management: If you have anything for Labor Management please let President Puhalski, Craft Directors or Associate Office Director know.

Drawings: (The # preceding the name is either the ticket number or raffle number at the meeting it was drawn at and may change at each meeting.)

\$250.00 Attending the Meeting Drawing. Lee Wright (If he was at this meeting, he would have won!)

COPA: 50/50 Drawing: \$94 total collected. \$47 to the winner - #7837962 – Roy Bailey

Four (4) - Ten (\$10.00) Dollar Door Prizes: (NOTE: According to local policies. When an Executive Board member receives one of the door prizes, another drawing is done. If 40 or more than are present, there is one additional drawing per ten members).

1. #15 – Michelle Wilson
2. #18 – Ann Hill-Graves
3. #24 – Bonnie Eckart-Wilson
4. #14 – Linda Chandler
5. #4 – Tom Calkins

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yours in Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael A. Long
Recording Secretary