

Western Michigan Area Local #281
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the APWU Union Hall, located at 2554 Burlingame Ave SW; Wyoming, MI 49509 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Short Invocation.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following officers were present:

President -Amy Puhalski	Clerk Craft Director A -Jeff Schellinger
Executive Vice-President – Joshua Gray	Clerk Craft Director B -David Janes
Recording Secretary - Suzi Boyd	Sergeant of Arms - John Hansma
Treasurer -Linda Chandler	

The following officers were absent: **Maintenance Craft Director** Mike Long and **Motor Vehicle Craft Director** Chris Fisher

Review of previous meeting's minutes: Motion by: Jeff Schellinger, seconded by: Lisa Borchardt- to accept the December 2, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Carried

Applications for Membership (Accepted by Voice Vote of Membership):

Adam Robinson

Welcome New Members of the WMAL!

Bills: None

Officer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Report ending December 31, 2017 read. Motion to accept report by Lisa Borchardt, seconded by David Janes. Carried

President's Report: The Budget Committee met last week report to follow. The Grand Rapids Installation has an upcoming realignment meeting on the 18th of January. The Headquarters level has put out a new attendance control policy, it is a nationally deployed program. Try to keep track of your own attendance. At the next meeting, we are looking for volunteers to count the ballots for the delegates for the national and state convention. For those of you that have been waiting, the postal service is offering a VERA for eligible employees, no incentive at this time.

Executive Vice-President's Report: Hope everyone had a good holiday.

Recording Secretary's Report: I hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year. The USPS has announced a VERA(Voluntary early retirement). Info for those eligible will be mailed out in the next week. The new leave year began January 6, so you can start using your annual leave. Congress has been working on a new tax bill that is aimed at keeping the wealthy wealthier and targeting the working class family. It includes repealing the affordable care act, medicare cuts and taking away the ability to claim state and local property taxes. Please feel free to log into APWU.org and click

onto the Legislative and Political Dept. link to sign up to receive emails for up to date info. On January 24th Mike Long and myself will be attending the AFL-CIO conference in Warren, Mi. Thank You to the membership for the opportunity to attend. Please also make sure that if you need to check into a possible grievance, that you are asking your supervisor for union time and are filling out a grievance complaint form.

Clerk Craft - A Report: Please ask to see your steward, write down your statements on a complaint form. If you cannot finish it in the time that your supervisor allows, then ask for more time. We are grieving all the reversions. There is a realignment meeting on January 18th, as soon as we know something, we will let you know.

Clerk Craft -B Report: You have 14 days from the date of incident to file a grievance, please do not wait until the 14th day, let us know as soon as possible. Please be aware of the dress policy for work attire. PSE conversions in associate offices are still being worked on, we will let you know when we have updated info. Please fill out complaint forms and write witness statements, it goes a long way in helping us settle our grievances.

Maintenance Craft Report: None

Motor Vehicle Craft Report: None

Sergeant at Arms Report: None

Committee Reports:

The Budget Committee met on January 4th. Members of the committee were: Amy Puhalski, Linda Chandler, Lisa Borchardt, Mike Long, Pam Bohn and Josh Gray. Absent from the meeting were Josh and Pam. We were able to add additional monies to the budget for 2018, due to an increase in memberships. Motion by Linda Borchardt to approve as an authorization for the expenditure of funds from the local treasury, the report and budget presented by the Budget Committee. Furthermore, the Budget Committee of the WMAL has the authorization to shift monies, if needed between categories as long as the overall disbursement amount does not exceed the overall income of this report. Seconded by Josh Gray. Carried.

Correspondence: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Motion by Jeff Schellinger that all members that have attended 3 meetings of the WMAL in 2017 to automatically be on the ballot as a nominee for the national and state convention. Seconded by Tammy Byrnes. Carried. Nominees are as follows: Bernadette Barbatano, Lisa Borchardt, Suzi Boyd, Greg Carlson, Linda Chandler, Geraldine Davis, Derrick Engels, Chris Fisher*, Joshua Gray, Michael Greene, John Hansma, Ann Hill-Graves, Todd Hodges, Rickey Jackson, David Janes*, Samantha Kunst, Dessa Long, Michael Long*, Kelly Maguire, Dawn Makarewicz, Joe Makarewicz, Dana McLean, Hattie Mitchell, Jodie Minda, Debbie Ohanesian, Kathy Oracz, Amy Puhalski*, Jennifer Rizzon, Christina Saenz, Jeff Schellinger*, Bernie Schimke, Lisa Stockdale, Cathy Strunk, Addie VanDreumel, Linda Yarnott, Roketa Whitley, Micah Zakarzecki. (* denotes automatic)

The floor was opened for additional nominees for the state convention. Motioned, seconded, carried.

The additional nominees are Tammy Byrnes and Aaron Simmons.

E-Board Recommendation:

Motion by David Janes, seconded by John Hansma, to pay for 1 nights lodging each for the 2 delegates attending the AFL-CIO conference. Carried

Motion by Jeff Schellinger, seconded by David Janes to send all stewards to JCIM training on February 15th from 9-1 including loss time. Carried

Motion by Josh Gray, seconded by John Hansma to send up to 20 delegates to state convention in Traverse City, May 3-5 to include 3 nights lodging, mileage, per diem, registration. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Schellinger, seconded by Josh Gray to send 15 delegates to the National Constitution convention in Pittsburgh, Aug 18-23 to include the craft conferences, lodging, airfare, registration, ground transportation to and from airport, parking in GR and applicable taxes. Carried

Labor Management: If you have anything for Labor Management please let your President or Craft Directors know.

Drawings:

\$250.00 Attending the Meeting Drawing: Tina Irons (if she was at this meeting, she would have won!)

COPA: 50/50 Drawing: \$145.00 collected. \$72.50 to Samantha Kunst, the winner.

COPA Raffle for Jackets:

Linda Monroe(2) Debbie Ohanasian, David Janes(2) Dawn Makarewicz, Joe Makarewicz, Jennifer Rizzon,(2) John Hansma and Dana McLean(2).

Five (5) - Twenty (20.00) Dollar Door Prizes: (NOTE: According to local policy, when an Executive Board member receives one of the door prizes, another drawing is done. If 40 or more are present, there is one additional drawing per ten members).

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| 1. Kathy Strunk #21 | 6. Lisa Stockdale #4 |
| 2. Linda Chandler #14 | 7. Dawn Makarewicz #28 |
| 3. David Janes #2 | 8. Dana McLean #31 |
| 4. Amy Puhalski #12 | 9. Josh Gray #19 |
| 5. Jeff Schellinger #11 | 10. Troy crowner #1 |

Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm, Seconded, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary