

Western Michigan Area Local #281
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm 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- Suzi Boyd
Vice President-Michelle Mack	Maintenance Craft Director-Jennifer McKinnon
Recording Secretary-Awanda Jennings	Clerk Craft Director B- Ameka Jones
Treasurer-Linda Chandler	Motor Vehicle Craft Director-Chris Fisher
Sergeant at Arms-Todd Hodges	

The Following Officers were Absent- None

Motion by Amy to transpose the order of business to the swearing in of the Executive Board officers for the 2023-2025 Term. Carried

Review of previous meeting's minutes: Motion by David Janes, seconded by Ann Hill-Graves to accept the December 3, 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Carried

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

Bich Ha Hang and Bryan Foreman>Welcome New Members of the WMAL!

Bills: None

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report: Report ending December 31, 2022, was read. Motion by Suzi Boyd, seconded by Michelle Mack to accept report as read. Carried

President's Report: I would like to welcome the new executive board members Jennifer, Awanda, and Ameka..I look forward in working with the new board members good to see new people get involved.

I want to talk about the postal services lack of protecting our net to bank allotment. The postal system has been compromised. The hackers have changed the net to bank allotment and is sending the net to bank allotments to another financial institution. The post office has changed the ability to make changes on your personal computers it can only be done on ace postal computers in the facilities. The USPS is saying it's the employees fault for logging into a fraudulent website, even though after our investigation we have found that is not the case. As of December 23rd there was approximately 119 APWU members that were impacted across the country, since then the numbers have increased. You should be changing your postal ease password to lite blue, and, checking to make sure your net to bank is going to your financial institution. If this happens to you, let your supervisor know and let me know so I can report this at the national level.

There should have been service talks given on this. December 23rd would've been the first one. Service talks must be done on a weekly basis, if not please let your stewards know.

This last holiday season was a light season, our volume is down. However, the PSA is staying open until the first week in February. The Postal Service is changing over to more ground transportation, so management is trying to figure out how to set up the P-3 to handle the 44 gaylord setups. This is hopefully to be done by February 4. The custodians will remain at the PSA until they close. They maybe put on a detail and switched over to the annex. Today we will hold the WMPW Inc. Meeting. Congratulations to Hattie Mitchell on her retirement.

Executive Vice-President's Report: Update on line H; there is a disagreement with the step 2 designee on how the line H should be handled. We have not met on the PSA building. In the new staffing package, we have some new jobs. If you see something happening on the workroom floor, you need to ask for your steward right then and there. It is so important to let the newer employees know to do this.

Recording Secretary's Report: I just want to say, I am excited to be on the board.

Clerk Craft - A Report: I just wanted to congratulate Awanda, Jennifer, and Ameka welcome to the 2023 term, I think its going to be a good year. If you see management performing bargaining unit work, you can tell them to stop even if it is not your area, we all need to stick together and notify each other of violations.

Clerk Craft -B Report: I am your clerk craft director b; I work at northeast, and I am new to this position. I will be reaching out to David and Amy for any questions that I have.

Maintenance Craft Report: I am Jennifer, I'm the new maintenance director I look forward to the new position.

Motor Vehicle Craft Report: For the grievances, I believe it is about 10. I appreciate your emails about what is going on. We have 2 new TTO's. The truck issues need to be complete and detailed. If something is not being fixed it can be put in the scanner. Be aware at what runs you are bidding on at the PSA.

Sergeant at Arms Report: I work at the VMF We lost 2 of our trucks during the blizzard that we had in December.

Committee Reports:

Election Committee- Mailed out 700 ballots, we received only 120 ballots back. From the ones we received 5 were invalid ballots, one ballot was marked twice and one did not have a returned address on it. There were 3 ballots that the return addresses were not on the national member mailing list. With the ones we received the total count was Awanda 63; Jennifer 52. Congratulations to Awanda. I would like to thank Michael Greene, Lisa Stockdale, Geraldine Davis and Sarah Keena for serving on the committee. Motion to accept the committee report as read. Carried

Retirees Chapter: Our next meeting is February 14, I created a Facebook page, so I you want to join that you are more than welcome.

Correspondence: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

E-Board Recommendation:

Motion by Linda Chandler, seconded by Chris Fisher to send Michelle Mack to the National Presidents Conference April 1-5, 2023 to include hotel, registration, lost time, per diem, airfare and transportation to and from the airport. Carried

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

Drawings:

\$250.00 Attending the Meeting Drawing: Ronald Cook (If he was at this meeting, he would have won!)

COPA: 50/50 Drawing: \$202.00 collected. \$101.00 to Jennifer Rizzon the winner.

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).

- 1.# 28 Kathy Ondersma
- 2.# 13 Todd Hodges
- 3.# 17 Michael Greene
- 4.# 03 Cory Fox
- 5.# 20 David Janes
- 6.# 06 Rosio Garcia

Motioned by Suzi Boyd, seconded by Awanda Jennings to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary

WMPW: Committee met after the conclusion of the General Membership meeting. Committee members are Michelle Mack, Amy Puhalski, Todd Hodges, Linda Chandler. The WMPW account covers anything having to do with the maintenance of the building including, repairs, utilities etc. The balance of the account is \$8,003.39 we have updated the roof and put a new stove in the kitchen. This year we are looking into having the floors stripped and waxed and also updating the parking lot.