

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills
- MSC Branch 343 purchase a one-eighth page ad in this year's Christmas edition of the Labor Tribune

New Members

- Shane M. Dinnius St. Clair 10-12-18
- Brendan D. Douglas..... Carrier Square.....09-28-18
- Corey L. Drysdale Wentzville..... 09-14-18
- Winea A. Doyle Normandy 09-14-18
- Amy Jo N. Gehm..... Union09-28-18
- Coleen N. Zietzmann..... St. Clair09-28-18

Recently Retired Members

- Barry Linan..... Creve Coeur07-31-18
- Donald E. Benford Carrier Square.....09-30-18
- Roddrick C. Anglin Sr. ... Coyle 10-04-18
- Richard P. French Kirkwood..... 10-31-18
- Thomas E. Haynie..... Mackenzie Pointe... 10-31-18
- Mark P. Beck..... South County 11-01-18

Deceased Members

- John Voigtmann..... Gold Card.....09-22-18
- Steve Curran Active 10-13-18
- Daniel F. Elfrink..... 60-Year Member 10-17-18

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report, RAA Charles Sexton: LMOU's: Arnold completed; awaiting Fenton's arbitration decision; O'Fallon, St. Louis, and Park Hills arbitrations are scheduled. Nine out of 10 removals received at NBA's office are for carriers throwing away mail to get done on time. Throwing away mail can't be won, but getting back late can be defended.

MDA Report: MDA Executive Director of the St. Louis Office Erin Anselman was presented the donations for the Bar-B-Que Cookoff and the Golf Tournament.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Forty attended the retirees' meeting with three new retirees. Vice-Chairman Ray Breakfield spoke about the importance of early prostate screening and with Medicare and NALC HBP he paid nothing for surgery and treatment.

Labor Council Report, Mike Chenot: The state representatives who supported right to work (RTW) were reelected, so expect RTW on the ballot in 2019.

Health Benefit Report, Chet Drain: FEHB Open Season is Nov. 12 through Dec. 10. OPM.gov can be used to compare plans. www.benefeds.com can be used to view dental and vision, long term care, and Flexible Spending Account options.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Nov. issue features rally to stop privatization; shop steward banquet; and golf tournament.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Five applications received.

Safety & Health Report, Richard Brown: Perform the vehicle safety check in the morning. Ensure the emergency brake is working properly. **Trustee's Report, Tina Hunt:** The books were audited and found to be in good order.

Amendment to Branch By-Laws: Proposed change in Article 1 Section 1 of branch by-laws to "This subordinate Branch shall be known as John H. Haake No. 343" passed unanimously.

Legislative & PAC Report, Mike Weir: Democrats took control of U.S. House. McCaskill lost to Hawley in Mo. Nicole Gallo-way re-elected state auditor. Almost guaranteed to get RTW bill in Mo.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin: Bill Lister, Gerard Henke, Mike Tharp, Andre Hayes are retirees released by national to work on getting labor-friendly candidates elected. Amendment 2 passed. Trivia Night is Jan. 20. Stuart East will make chili.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Brad Layton: Read financial report for September. Brad and Bob drove to Sikeston to present DeWayne Taylor his "Shop Steward of the Year" award.

Good of the Union, Mike Weir. Celebration of Life on Dec. 8 at Overland VFW for Steve Curran.

President's Comments, Robert Rapisardo: The 30 CCAs to be converted on Nov. 24 has been cancelled because of downgrading of EAS supervisors. Progress has been made on back pay issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary