

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills.

Recently Retired Members

Garold Hafer..... Southwest 01-29-21
 Calvin Stanley Clayton01-31-21
 Marvin A. Booker Creve Coeur 02-1-21

Deceased Members

Clarence Koch Retired 01-19-21
 Robert Lampe Gold Card 01-16-21
 Erman Parrott 60-Year 12-01-20

Note of Gratitude

Thank you for all that you do. Here is a small donation for the multitude of efforts you have all expended over the years for all of us slogging along.

It is a fact, that without your tireless efforts I would never have regained my carrier position, let alone maintained it over the years. The assistance I have personally received is remarkable and more so when I think about the hundreds of fellow carriers you go to bat for on a daily basis.

I appreciate everything the union has done for us: vacations, health care, uniforms, days off, safety and job security. Thank you for all of your wise counsel.

Most appreciated,
 Andrea Vadner-Olivette

Andrea enclosed a check for \$150 that was deposited in the Branch 343 discretionary fund.

New Members

Alicia Williams..... Affton 01-08-21
 Tyron Reaves..... Jennings 01-08-21
 Rodriguez Zuleima ... Wentzville 01-08-21
 Dana Hicks Gaffney 01-08-21
 Willie McFadden..... Kirkwood..... 01-09-21
 Stephanie Meeks..... Normandy 01-09-21
 Jornail Douglas..... Affton 01-09-21
 Raymond Ford..... Normandy 01-09-21
 David McWherter Chouteau 01-09-21
 Malik Shabazz Sappington 01-09-21
 LaKesha Wallace Mackenzie Pointe..... 01-09-21
 Tina Williams..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 01-09-21
 TreMon Hamilton Mackenzie Pointe..... 01-09-21
 Kayla Fivecoat..... Creve Coeur 01-09-21
 Kailyn Lyles Clayton 01-09-21
 Brooke Garrigus..... Rolla 01-12-21
 Lacya Jenkins..... Clayton 01-15-21
 Kelly Moye Sappington 01-15-21
 Latesha Jennings..... Coyle 01-15-21
 Marlowa Harris Jr Des Peres 01-15-21
 Sophia Watkins Gravois..... 01-15-21
 Tamajuna Fitz..... Gravois..... 01-15-21
 Tierra Hagans Maryville Gardens 01-16-21
 Antonio Sims University City..... 01-16-21
 Zameriah Marshall ... University City..... 01-16-21
 Kenneth Ross..... Affton 01-16-21
 Michelle Crawford ... Maryville Gardens 01-16-21
 Felicia Teixeira..... Affton 01-16-21

BRANCH 343 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS



TICKET INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the branch has yet to receive information regarding ticket sales, limited seating, restrictions, or schedules. We will keep the membership advised when we receive information from the St. Louis Cardinals

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report, John McLaughlin reported for the NBA's office. The Region 5 Rap session will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28 starting at 9 a.m. Due to COVID-19, the Rap session will be held virtually over Zoom. Topics covered will be new steward training and handling attendance related grievances.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte sent greetings from the retirees who are still not having meetings due to COVID-19. He encouraged everyone to find as many places as possible to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine and to please sign-up older folks who may not be computer savvy.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Reported the state of Missouri has set up tiers for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and that you must sign up and essentially "get in line" to be able to receive the vaccine. There is no news of the PO offering the vaccine.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Kenny Young will be holding the 25th Bass Tournament for MDA. Reported the February issue of the Postal Record was devoted to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. The centerfold of the February issue of the MCC featured the two ways to sign up to contribute to The Letter Carrier Political Action Fund; online or by phone. Page 17 of the MCC listed Congressional and Senate address for Missouri and Illinois. Tom encouraged everyone to make use of the phone numbers and call their representatives.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Seventeen applications for the John H. Haake Scholarship have been received. Please everyone, let others know that the \$1,500 scholarship is available. The deadline for applications is March 1.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: There should be two custodians at every station. Ask at your station about the MS47 cleaning reports. A COVID-19 grievance cannot be filed if a cleaning grievance has not been filed. Vehicles should be cleaned inside and out at C-Service.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: Asked that stewards keep track of employees who may have been hurt late in the day. OWCP claims can be filed online at the Department of Labor's ECOMP site. Encouraged

letter carriers to register for an ECOMP account before being injured.

Trustees Report, Frank Enlow: The books were audited and found to be in good order.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: President Biden is acting quickly to sign executive orders that Trump would not sign. Bill HR 695 in the House and S. 145 in the Senate would repeal prefunding for the Postal Service. Bill HR 1 in the House and S. 6 in the Senate would expand voting rights for Americans.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Littekin: Asked for a round of applause for the new trustees who arrived early to be trained in their new positions. The Hall will be appraised to possibly lower our insurance premiums. Is getting quotes on replacing the hall windows and office floors which are original to the building. Recently met with Postmaster Thouvenot concerning annual leave in December, no word yet. Postmaster Thouvenot informed Brian that COVID-19 vaccines could **not** be administered at stations and branches because each Missouri county has its own rules concerning the shot. President Biden wants to pass an executive order that USPS replace their entire fleet with electric vehicles.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Read financial report for January 2020. Reported that this year's food drive will again be a virtual letter carrier monetary donor drive. Ole Timers' Day will not be held again this year. Is working on a way to get Gold Cards to those who are eligible.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: Two grievances were settled concerning Jennings Station. The post office has two weeks to convert routes back to the way they were before consolidated casing and \$7,500 will be awarded and split between carriers at Jennings effected by consolidated casing. The post office reported a 40% increase in revenue for the month of December. Carriers in St. Louis are still working seven days a week 12-15 hours a day and are becoming fatigued. Some CCAs have not been paid because of mistakes made by HR. These carriers can not be paid an advance because they are not on the roles. The new NALC contract will again focus on CCA rights and give them added benefits.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tina M Hunt, Recording Secretary*