

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JUNE 10, 2021

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills.

Deceased Members

James "Big Jim" Davis.. 35 Year Member


Recently Retired Members

Janet Desmith Coyle 05/31/21
 Kurtis Mullins West County 05/31/21
 Vincent Hellmann Southwest 05/31/21

New Members

Alexandra Abellana ... Gaffney..... 4/17/2021	Jalin Kelley..... Clayton..... 5/8/2021
Stephen Bauman..... Southwest 5/7/2021	Steven Lehman Coyle..... 4/17/2021
Dillian Beam..... Rolla..... 4/27/2021	Ellise McInnis..... Town & County 4/17/2021
Kathryn Bloodworth.. Kirkwood 5/8/2021	Keosha Moore..... Kirkwood 5/8/2021
Jamyra Chapman Southwest 4/17/2021	Paige Moore Jennings..... 4/24/2021
David Colvin Maryville Gardens... 4/17/2021	Robert Morris Park Hills 4/20/2021
Eriele Combs..... Weathers 4/23/2021	Courtney Nebbitt Mackenzie Pointe 4/9/2021
LeRoy Cooper Mexico..... 4/7/2021	John Nichols Weathers 4/30/2021
Astrid Cureton Park Hills 5/4/2021	Jerry Parsons..... Park Hills 5/13/2021
James D'Onofrio..... Union..... 4/17/2021	Mike Phasanith Affton 4/23/2021
Latisha Dunn Weathers 4/30/2021	Mark Reese Town & Country 4/17/2021
Andrea Elliott..... Gaffney..... 4/17/2021	Arlandis Roddie Chouteau 4/24/2021
Laguisha Essex..... Weathers 5/1/2021	Venus Salone..... Mackenzie Poine 4/24/2021
Mitzi Forrest Mexico..... 4/7/2021	Mikella Smith Park Hills 4/20/2021
Danielle Frazier Mackenzie Pointe 4/9/2021	Tia Stewart..... Gravois 4/24/2021
Christopher Fulton ... Coyle..... 4/17/2021	Jamila Tate Mackenzie Pointe 5/1/2021
Michael Gaines..... South County..... 4/17/2021	Cody Thonas Fenton..... 4/17/2021
Jesse Garth..... Maryville Gardens ... 5/8/2021	Christian Tolar Mackenzie Pointe 4/30/2021
Christine Gendle..... Park Hills 4/27/2021	Kayle Turner Park Hills 5/4/2021
Elaine Gudger Kirkwood 4/24/2021	Richard Vannoy..... Southwest 4/24/2021
Michael Harris..... Gravois 4/23/2021	Erica Wilde Wentzville 5/1/2021
Curtis Hill..... Southwest 4/30/2021	Gloria Williams..... Gravois 5/1/2021
Michael Hulsey Park Hills 4/27/2021	Imani Williams Creve Coeur 4/23/2021
Lawrence Jackson..... Weathers 4/17/2021	Brian Wilson..... Maryville Gardens... 5/8/2021

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

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| 1. Pottery Barn Card | \$25 | Tracy Beckham, North County |
| 2. Target Card | \$25 | Marvin Booker, Union Hall/Retired |
| 3. Google Play Gift Card | \$10 | Barry Linan, Retired |
|  | \$12 | Celeste Smith, North County |

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Pam Stepney and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report, No report

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Tom sent greetings from the retirees and reported that the first retirees meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic was held June 2. Lunch was provided by the family of deceased retiree Ted Hempen. The family donated \$200 and Hodak's chicken was served.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: Pam reported that Republicans are trying to change voting laws. Pam reminded everyone that it will be easier to vote if you make sure your ID is correct. There is no theme yet for the Labor Day parade.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: Saronda offered information on the MBA Hospital Plus Plan. The plan will pay enrollees for days spent in the hospital. For more information, contact Saronda.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Barry encouraged new PTFs and recently converted regular carriers to consider joining the NALC HBP. Barry reported that with the plan, there is no charge for blood work if using Quest Diagnostic or Lab Corp.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Tom reported that the June issue featured an article on Dr. Barbara Anderson. Dr. Anderson from the National Education Association - St. Louis has been Branch 343's independent selection committee since the inception of the scholarship program back in 1990. The deadline for the July issue is Monday, June 14.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: No Report

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: No report

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: Barry reported that injured employees should be contacted by the Department of Labor within two weeks with a claim number. Barry reported that OSHA has published a quick card about heat stress. Barry reminded everyone to be careful in the heat.

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

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: Mike reported

that with the appointment of three new members by President Biden, all vacancies on the board of governors have finally been filled.

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read the names of the PAC contributors. Mike discussed the importance of HR 3076, The Postal Reform Act, which will eliminate the post office's burden of pre-funding future retiree health benefits.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: Brian reported that he is seeking quotes on updating the branch's operating system which will allow stewards remote access. LMOU negotiations ended May 28. The branch's Wells Fargo account was recently reviewed, and the portfolio was adjusted for more growth options. The flooring in the offices and conference room will be installed June 21.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Marvin read the financial report for June. Marvin reported that the national agreement states that CCAs will be converted on the first day of the third pay period after 24 months of service. Marvin reported that when a newly converted CCA uses eJob bidding on Lite Blue, a "not eligible" message will occur. **Submit your bid anyway! It will be counted!**

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: John reported that upcoming MDA events are being planned and he hopes to see participation from the members. John reported that the St. Ann Post Office merged with the Hazelwood Post Office. The two unions will need to merge. The branch may have Cardinal tickets available as attendance prizes now that Busch Stadium has opened to full capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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