

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MARCH 9, 2023

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC That the branch purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) and a wall cabinet.

New Members

Precious Carson Gaffney02/9/2023
 Juso Pajic Affton02/8/2023
 Derris Perkins..... Town & Country.....02/8/2023
 Eric Thames..... North County02/8/2023

Recently Retired Members

Phillip Conner Creve Coeur03/03/2023
 William Hill Kirkwood.....03/01/2023
 Robert Holway..... Sappington02/28/2023
 David Taylor Town & Country.....03/24/2023

When your boss asks you to show the new employee around and they ask what you enjoy about your job



Kirkwood letter carrier William Martin Hall ends his 46-year career joining the Last Punch Bunch. Offering congratulations is Br. 343 President John McLaughlin.

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

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| 1. Cardinals vs Toronto Blue Jays | April 2 | Michael McCoy, Retired |
| 2. Cardinals vs Atlanta Braves | April 4 | Richard Schallert Jr., Des Peres |
| 3. Cardinals vs Pittsburg Pirates | April 16 | Jason Nosser, Southwest |
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| | \$42 | Dallas Mitchell, West County |



Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report, Dave Teegarden: No report from the NBA office, however, guest speaker Manny Peralta, national director of safety and health spoke about the heat illness prevention program and asked carriers to make sure management is doing mandatory training on the program by April 1. Manny was in town to present the branch with a memoriam plaque for our deceased sister Rosalyn Westfall who succumbed to the heat on June 27, 2019.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: Mike reported that H.R. 4268, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act is being reintroduced in the House.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Tom sent greetings from the retirees and reminded retirees that the 94th Ole Timers Day is scheduled for May 6 at the Union Hall.

Labor Council Report, Frank Enlow: Frank reported that Emily Hubbard thanked the Labor Council for their support in the last election.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: No Report

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Barry reminded any newly converted CCA that even though they do not receive information from the Postal Service, they still only have 60 days in which to make benefit selection.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Tom reminded everyone that the Bass Tournament for MDA will be held in April.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Pam reported that 10 applications were received, and seven completed packets have been received so far.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: Richard asked that any hazards on a route should be reported to management so that the information can be entered into RIMS and alerts will go out on the scanners as the carrier approaches.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: Barry reported management is not sending in CA-1 forms and injured carriers should always get copies of their claim forms.

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

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read the names of contributors and said to reclaim the House of Representatives and make the Senate stronger PAC donations are needed. (8:41)

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: Brian reported that contract negotiations have begun at national and that the branch received an arbitration award out of Coyle concerning the 12- & 60-hour rule.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Read financial report for February and reminded first time meeting attendees that their first drink would be on him.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: John reported that safety needs to be addressed by the postmaster as physical and verbal attacks on letter carriers is on the rise in the St. Louis district.



Respectfully Submitted,
Tina M Hunt, Recording Secretary