

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC The branch have sealcoat and line striping applied to the parking lot at a cost of no more than \$1,100.

Recently Retired Member

Rickie Pattin Creve Coeur 1/06/2024

Deceased Members

James E. Barbee Sr..... Gold Card..... 12/28/2023
 Denis Toler..... Retired 02/02/2024

New Members

Whitney Austin..... Gravois 1/13/2024	Erika Johnson..... North County 1/20/2024
Matthias Backer IV Town & Country 1/13/2024	Mikeedra Johnson..... Jennings..... 1/20/2024
Tylicia Baskin South County..... 1/13/2024	Devonte Jones Coyle..... 1/20/2024
Willis Bibbs III Gravois 1/20/2024	Brian Kimbrough Chouteau 1/6/2024
Dashon Brownlee Kirkwood 1/6/2024	Rayonna Lewis..... Chouteau 1/13/2024
Hannah Broyles..... Jennings..... 1/20/2024	Demetrius McNutt..... Jennings..... 1/13/2024
Eric Campbell..... West County 1/13/2024	David Mercer Coyle..... 1/6/2024
Shaun Cannon..... Gravois 1/20/2024	Shantavia Moore Weathers..... 1/20/2024
Nathaniel Casey Normandy..... 1/20/2024	Tremone Moore..... South County..... 1/13/2024
Isha Cauley..... Jennings..... 1/13/2024	Christina Morris Sappington 1/6/2024
DeCarlo Champion..... Oldham 1/6/2024	Zakiyaah Muhammad X . Normandy 1/20/2024
Sabrina Clark..... Jennings..... 1/6/2024	Demisha Nettles Des Peres 1/20/2024
LaToya Clincy..... Clayton 1/6/2024	Shalon Parker West County 1/13/2024
Justin Cobb Gravois 1/13/2024	Corey Pottard Jennings..... 1/13/2024
Haleigh Daleo..... Jennings..... 1/6/2024	Andrew Radentz..... Gravois 1/13/2024
Kaylin Douglas..... Gaffney..... 1/6/2024	Drew Silva Sappington 1/20/2024
Patricia Eiland Normandy 1/20/2024	DeAnthony Simmons Southwest 1/20/2024
Jerry Ellis Jr..... North County 1/6/2024	Derrick Stokes Southwest 1/13/2024
Candance Finney Gravois 1/20/2024	John Thacker Washington..... 1/13/2024
Albert Givens..... North County 1/6/2024	Andrew Tucker Oldham 1/6/2024
Jewell Gladney Weathers..... 1/13/2024	Darius Ward Gravois 1/20/2024
Precious Gleason Oldham 1/6/2024	Darius Washington Jr. Oldham 1/6/2024
Pamela Graham..... Fredericktown..... 1/18/2024	Charles Weinstock Mackenzie Pointe 1/20/2024
Teresa Hall Coyle..... 1/20/2024	Khamaron Wheeler Maryville Gardens 1/20/2024
Justin Hamblen..... Gravois 1/20/2024	Breezy Zielinski..... Maryville Gardens 1/20/2024
Darius Harris..... Weathers..... 1/6/2024	
Sheila Harris Fenton..... 1/20/2024	
Darrien Hawkins..... Gravois 1/13/2024	
Beverly Heidbrink Weathers..... 1/6/2024	
Luke Howard Sr..... Weathers..... 1/6/2024	
Keshia Hudson Gaffney..... 1/13/2024	
Asia James..... Gaffney..... 1/6/2024	
Brendon Johnson..... Mackenzie Pointe 1/13/2024	

Scholarship Deadline

Charles J. Coyle - March 31



Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read by Recording Secretary Richard Brown and accepted.

NBA Report, Dave Teegarden: Dave reported that the food drive registration is due by March 24 to guarantee post cards. NALC e-Activist has been reactivated. The first electric charging stations have been installed in Atlanta S&DC. Headquarters has three new initiatives; a virtual learning option on NALC website, a women's mentoring program is being developed-to expand more diversity, and an emergency response support program (guided by EAP professionals).

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: The House was trying to impeach President Biden but instead went after the homeland security advisor and failed. He stated we must get the right people elected during this upcoming election.

Retiree Report, Tom Schulte: Nice meeting, 30 in attendance at the retirees meeting. The 93rd annual Ole Timers Day is May 4.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: First meeting was last month (January), Missouri state trustees are running the meetings. They are monitoring who signs in. They gave updates on audit to their books. Update on bills that state legislation is coming up. Anheuser Busch may be going on strike.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: Offering disability insurance, the younger you are the cheaper the policy is. You can get paid even if you are on OWCP.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: He is dealing with Silver Scripts (prescription drug program for retirees). Spoke to Frank Enlow about the Postal Service not providing Union Health Plan brochure.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: February edition of MCC has been delivered to some already. Reel in the Cure Buddy Bass Tournament (Kenny Young) is April 13-14. February issue of Postal Record is out, lists names of contributors to LCPF. Legislation coming up that we need to address. Deadline for the March issue of MCC is Feb. 12.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Received

18 applications, reminder letters sent to applicants to remind them information is due by March 1.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: Letter carrier at Jennings Station struck a pedestrian and that pedestrian died on site (we don't know the circumstances).

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: File injury report on ECOMP, or management can give you a paper CA-1. If management wants you to file online, they must allow you to use the postal computer.

Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken: Books audited and found in good standing.

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Read names of contributors. Talked about COLA for next year. Talked about Branch 343 PAC Fund.

Reading of Bill, Recording Secretary Richard Brown. Motion to pay bills and properly seconded and passed.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: Management is telling carriers to leave in one hour or 45 minutes (violation of M-39). Complete proper forms if auxiliary assistance is needed, told to curtail mail or you need to bring mail back.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Read report for January. Food Drive is May 11. (One shirt color, no Family Circus kids on the shirt)

Moment of silence for deceased members: (two) James Barbee (retired), Denis Toler (retired)

New members - (58) one present - Hannah Broyles

Newly retired members - (one) Rickie Pattin (Creve Coeur)

Unfinished Business - Richard Thurman spoke on being chosen to select three disinterested parties to address the two Article 10 charges (regarding 2023 branch officer election) that were tabled from January meeting. He explained what Article 10 charges are, and specifically that the charges were against the officers.

- One of the disinterested parties (Joe Canman) named the other members of the committee then gave a report on their findings.

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- Discussion by makers of the charges and rebuttal from those charged and the membership.
- Motions made, properly seconded. Vote to accept investigating committees' findings of both charges (no violation) (both motions passed)

New Business – Barry Linan gave summary of executive board reason to get involved, and their findings after review of the five charges. Packet of emails and text submitted by makers of charge, handed out to membership.

- Evan Garcia spoke to the appeal of the executive boards decision to concur with the election committee decision on the election process appeal. (five charges)
- Discussion took place **for each charge**, by the

makers of the charge, along with the three charged and the membership.

- Membership voted on the acceptance of executive board findings for each motion. (no violation on either motion/charge) **All motions passed.**

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: No report /comments

Prizes: Blues tickets (two sets), Billikens tickets (two sets),

50/50: (\$51) Tina Hunt

Benediction: Chet Drain

Attendance Prize Winners: Germain Anderson, Chet Drain, Nate Markovich, Dan Brauchle

Ended: 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Brown, Recording Secretary



Shop steward Charlie Kell, Br. 343 Recording Secretary Richard Brown and alternate steward Dallas Mitchell offer congratulations to retiring West County letter carrier Phil Winkler.



Richard Thurman, Br. 343 safety & health director and Creve Coeur letter carrier, joins the Last Punch Bunch receiving congratulations from Branch 343 President John McLaughlin with Richard's wife, Chandra..