

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
 JUNE 13, 2024

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills. **Motion passed.**

Whereas: Region 5 national business agent’s office has decided to conduct a series of newer steward trainings around the region. They are calling it Steward College Training, and they have chosen to start it in St. Louis.

Whereas: The training will take place over a three day period – two full days and one half day – at the Branch Hall.

MSC That the branch president selects no more than 20 stewards to participate in this training and the branch compensates them for the time they are in attendance

New Members

Jeannette Allen..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 5/4/2024	Alexis Little..... Normandy..... 5/4/2024
Valentine Amatrading Jr. Maryville Gardens..... 5/4/2024	Calvin Little..... South County 5/31/2024
Evelyn Bass Affton..... 5/31/2024	Amarion Lorthridge Des Peres..... 5/18/2024
Carliss Blackmon Chouteau..... 5/31/2024	Carmen Manning..... Gravois..... 5/18/2024
John Brown Affton..... 5/4/2024	Shamika McCaster West County..... 5/18/2024
Markita Burden Weathers 5/18/2024	Daniel Miller Union 5/24/2024
Daronne Calvin..... Gaffney 5/31/2024	Jiovonnie Miller..... Weathers 5/25/2024
Sierra Cappelletti..... West County..... 5/18/2024	Rodquelle Morgan..... West County..... 5/31/2024
Lavante Cofield North County..... 5/4/2024	Tracy Morgan Creve Coeur..... 5/4/2024
Brandon Coleman South County 5/31/2024	Jermaine Murphy Carrier Square..... 5/4/2024
Corinthian Crawford Normandy..... 5/4/2024	Brian Nelson Carrier Square..... 5/25/2024
Sandra Davis..... Harriet Woods 5/4/2024	Kyle Penton Kirkwood..... 5/31/2024
Jennifer Duke Kirkwood..... 5/31/2024	Alycia Polk South County 5/4/2024
Cynthia Evans Weathers 5/4/2024	Joseph Pugh North County..... 5/18/2024
Jordan Fair Normandy..... 5/4/2024	Kenneth Roberts Weathers 5/10/2024
Tarron Gatling..... West County..... 5/18/2024	Todd Starks Maryville Gardens..... 5/18/2024
Bradley Gibson South County 5/18/2024	Ciara Taylor Normandy..... 5/18/2024
Catrina Gregory Weathers 5/4/2024	Trevion Travis Chouteau..... 5/31/2024
Zakary Guenther..... Fenton 5/18/2024	Kathryn Viviano West County..... 5/18/2024
Tyler Hagy..... Park Hills..... 5/24/2024	Daunhya White South County 5/18/2024
Jaidon Harris Coyle 5/24/2024	Latrice White..... Normandy..... 5/18/2024
Thomas Hart Maryville Gardens..... 5/18/2024	
Dylan Helderle..... Carrier Square..... 5/31/2024	
Stephen Huggans..... Normandy..... 5/18/2024	
Paris Johnson..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 5/18/2024	
Dontaye Jones Gaffney 5/31/2024	
Jerrell Jones South County 5/18/2024	
Nicholas Kasoff Jennings 5/18/2024	
Amanda Lee..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 5/4/2024	
Tajuana Lewis..... Maryville Gardens..... 5/31/2024	

Recently Retired Member

Greg Garner..... Maryville Gardens..... 5/31/2024
Randal Wicks Mackenzie Pointe..... 5/31/2024

Deceased Members

John D. Richardson..... Retired..... 5/19/2024
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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.

NBAs Report, Dave Teegarden: No report

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: He spoke on the projected COLA (2.3%-CSRS, 2% FERS). He referenced S.4356 (bill to provide for responsible financial innovation). OPF is back up and visible. Several activists attended a legislative GALA, (Mike Weir, Frank Enlow, John McLaughlin, Nicki Prado, Meaghan Lakey, and Rich Ryner). Mike attended a fundraiser for Lucas Kuns. He suggested everyone look at Time magazine's May issue, regarding Trump. Spoke briefly on Hunter Biden.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: He gave greetings from the retirees. They had a guest speaker from St. Louis Cremation (Jennifer Limbert). He spoke about the heat, and he advised carriers to be careful.

Labor Council Report, Frank Enlow: The council made an offer to resolve the issue with president (Pat White) but he declined. Jefferson City is trying to give more power to rural voters. Several things on the ballot (abortion, education bill-teachers pay, extension of HWY. 44 - make wider)

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: She spoke on the disability insurance/you pay into it biweekly (6 mo. or 12 mo. policies available)

Health Benefits Report, Barry Linan: Good news (members can join wellness incentive program to earn gift cards of various amounts), and bad news (Postal Service scheduling benefits training but not many PTFs are showing up)

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Thanked branch for hosting 95th Ole Timers Day. Acknowledged Mike Weir on receiving 50 year pin. Retirement Seminar July 14. Changes in upcoming meetings; Stewards meeting will be July 3, August branch meeting will be August 15.

Haake Scholarship Report, Tom Schulte: Tom spoke briefly about the scholarship delays and the new announcement will be in the Sept. issue. *Scholarship winners this year:* William Patrick Hood, Shawn Shen Hughes, Jordan Emily Vaughan

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: No report

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: Management still not putting in COP. He might do training next month on this subject. If your claim is denied w/DOL, you have a 30-day window to appeal. Call Barry, he may be able to help you.

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

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike reminded us to contribute to LCPF and the PAC fund.

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

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: He spoke on PS1767 and the requirements of management when you complete one. He reported that the NGDV vehicle has been delivered to Athens, Georgia (where the problems at the S & DC are). He announced prizes.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Gave report for May 2024

He spoke briefly about this year's food drive (food was 45,000 lbs., cash \$3,065).

Moment of silence for deceased member: John D Richardson (retired)

New members – 51

Newly retired members – two (Greg Garner, Randal Wicks)

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Chet spoke on carriers observing the "Thurman 3" (Water, Rest and Shade).

Frank informed us that OJI training will be on 7/31 and 8/1. Get your info in, if you are interested in being a trainer.

Good of the Union – Chad Wallace from Weathers spoke on carriers safeguarding themselves. He referred to the "Thurman 3" — Rest, Water, Shade.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: He spoke on route inspections completed at Affton and that it was thrown out by the TIAREAP team due to discrepancies. Also, the TIAREAP agreement has expired. The inspections at Oldham resulted in some routes being alleviated, but more added so it was a wash. The B-Team is settling a lot of the 12/60 grievances. There was a mercury spill at Town & Country, management initially told carriers to use their own leave for the day. Carriers went to Ballwin to work the mail. John, Marvin, and Germaine Anderson had a chance to meet with Cori Bush to talk about some of the mail issues.

Prizes: Three sets of Cardinal tickets, two sets of Munny tickets

50/50: \$49 Mark Tomlin

Benediction: Chet Drain

Attendance: 40

Ended: 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary