

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

APRIL 10, 2025

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC That the branch pay the remaining balance for the cost of food supplied by Marius Jackson, in the amount of \$2,260 for the "Fight Like Hell" rally.
- MSC That the branch donate up to \$100 to each office in Branch 343 (not to exceed in total \$2,600) towards the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages for the workers at each of the Food Drive hub sites accompanied by a valid purchase receipt (not from Sam's or Walmart).
- MSC That Branch 343 host a John H. Haake Scholarship Dinner for the Scholarship Committee and the National Education Association members who worked on the 2025 Scholarship Awards.

New Members

Jomar BarretoMackenzie Pointe3/22/2025
 Nyla Dodd.....Southwest.....3/7/2025
 Jonathan Ellison.....South County3/22/2025
 Marshal HenleyTown & Country.....3/22/2025
 Aviasha Holmon.....Jennings.....3/7/2025
 Diasia Howard.....Mackenzie Pointe3/7/2025
 Lisa JohnsonGaffney3/7/2025
 Chaz Lovett-LangMackenzie Pointe3/7/2025
 Christina OrtizDes Peres4/7/2025
 Tyler Ruff.....O'Fallon.....3/7/2025
 Jared StubbsGaffney3/7/2025
 Arnell Williams.....Harriet Woods.....3/12/2025

Recently Retired Members

Christopher Calgher...Fenton03/31/2025
 Peter KimFenton03/31/2025
 Theresa Mitchell.....Mackenzie Point.....01/31/2025

Deceased Members

Howard J. Neels.....65 Year Member03/30/2025
 Dennis HolwayRetired04/09/2025



BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

1. Cardinals vs Philadelphia Phillies	April 11	Lawrence Tarkington, Marian Oldham
2. Cardinals vs Philadelphia Phillies	April 12	John McLaughlin, Union Hall
3. Cardinals vs Philadelphia Phillies	April 13	Demetrius Potter, Clayton
4. Cardinals vs Milwaukee Brewers	April 27	Richard Rhyner, Bartender
5. Cardinals vs New York Mets	May 4	Brian Litteken, Des Peres
		Hannah Lockette, Kirkwood
\$60		

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, Pat Baker: The NBA office has been receiving calls about Article 8 items in the new National Agreement. They won't be in effect until the national parties determine when, however everything else is currently in effect. Route counts and inspections are the worst ever, with violations are occurring in every aspect. Teams have been trained in the region to review the data from the inspections. You must speak up at consultations and ask for documentation for any deductions they are making. PM DeJoy was essentially forced out because he wouldn't sign the new last mile agreements with UPS and Amazon. LCPF is more important now than ever, to support those in Congress who support us (Republican and Democrat alike).

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Greetings from the 31 in attendance. They are preparing for the 96th Ole Timers Day celebration (May 3). People are getting 50 year Gold Cards, 55 year pins, 60 year pins, 65 year pins and 70 year plaques. One person is getting a 75 year plaque, who at last check was still driving and playing golf. Shout out to the people who attended the rally on March 23, this will not be the last one and we are hoping to see more people next time.

Labor Council Report, Frank Council: While disappointed with our contract, others have more problems than we do. Many are being laid off and losing their bargaining rights. Some companies are losing grants that they once received. Everything that is happening in government is affecting everyone in some way, but we have been spared so far.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: There is a hospitalization plan that will pay you for each day you are in the hospital.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Front page is a glimpse of the Rally from March 23. Ole Timer's Day is May 3, and the food drive is the following weekend. There is a comparison chart in the MCC regarding the arbitration award. Tom did mention the American Federation of Government Employees and APWU marches that some from NALC attended.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: All applications have been turned into the committee. They are hoping to get all the winners here in May, to be presented with the scholarships.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: What does it take

to be responsible for yourself in your work environment? If you feel unsafe in the building, complete a PS 3971 and/or PS 1767 to report the issue. Understand your office functions based on handbooks M-41 and M-39 and identify hazards on your route. If customers don't comply with safeguarding you, they do not get mail. If you cannot see at least 4 ft. in front of or behind your vehicle, you are driving the wrong vehicle type. Management does not determine what's safe for you.

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

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read names of contributors and encouraged every member to give to LCPF and the PAC fund.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: The 2026 COLA is now 1.5%. Mike spoke on some house resolutions and their purpose. Trump claimed he would not touch Social Security. Local field offices are closing, which stops people from getting the help they need. House Resolution 1876 is designed to stop him from attacking it. Contribute to our PAC fund and LCPF.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: During the Committee of Presidents meeting, President Renfro spoke on the loss of revenue by the post office. We received a new quote for the database for our cloud server and the officers thought it was too high. They have made an agreement with SWIP to pay only \$100 monthly versus \$500 monthly.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Booker read his financial report for March. He showed the food drive T-shirt for this year. The prices will remain the same, and the deadline for orders and money is April 18. He also listed which stations will take their food to other stations, and where they will take it to.

Presidents Comments, John McLaughlin: Last labor management meeting was fine, but the postmaster did not follow up afterwards. The PM did confirm that there is no set return from the street time. The district manager visited stations with John, but announced his arrival prior to, so they had time to clean up. John had to go to Earth City to get the signage for the rally. We currently have 30 Republicans supporting the Postal Service fight.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary