

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JUNE 12, 2025

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC That the branch pay the sponsorship fee to this year's Labor Parade at the cost of \$500.
- MSC That Branch 343 say thank you to the St. Louis Area Foodbank by making an \$850 donation, for all their assistance during the Food Drive.
- MSC That the branch keeps with tradition and purchase GOOD candy to hand out to children along the parade route, not to exceed \$300.
- MSC That the branch purchase the usual black and white 1/8-page, (3 5/8" x 5") ad in the 2025 Labor Day Issue of the Labor Tribune @ a cost of \$439.

Deceased Member

Christopher CarterActive5/29/2025

New Members

Marcelena Bennett.....Oldham.....5/2/2025
 Anthony ColeNormandy.....4/18/2025
 John DuffySappington5/18/2025
 Micheal Flemon.....Mackenzie Pointe6/2/2025
 Felicia Gaines-Johnson..North County.....5/9/2025
 Kaylin Gordon.....Des Peres5/17/2025
 Erika Greenlee.....Maryville Gardens5/17/2025
 Anthony MarlerMackenzie Pointe5/9/2025
 Steven MumbowaSikeston.....5/9/2025
 Camille Smith.....Normandy.....4/18/2025
 Rosa TateGravois5/9/2025
 Taneal Whitfield.....Maryville Gardens5/17/2025
 Jerred Wooten.....Ferguson.....5/2/2025

Recently Retired Members

Alvan GausUnion.....5/30/2025
 Jesse MontgomeryGravois5/30/2025
 Lola Palmer.....Park Hills.....5/30/2025

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

1. Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds June 22
2. Cardinals vs Chicago Cubs June 24
3. Cardinals vs Washington Nats July 8
4. Cardinals vs Washington Nats July 9
5. Cardinals vs Washington Nats July 10



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Camille Smith, Coyle
 Michael Goheen, Creve Coeur
 Pamela Stepney, Retired
 Richard Brown, West Co.
 Marvin Booker, Union Hall

Shonna Randle, Carrier Square

BRANCH LEGAL PLAN

Advice and Consultation on
 General Practice and Civil Actions.



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MAKE THE CALL

TELL SPEAKER JOHNSON TO PUT A STOP TO THIS.

HELL NO!

TO DISMANTLING
 THE POSTAL SERVICE



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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 by Recording Secretary Richard Brown and accepted.

NBA's Report, Dave Teegarden: Dave had everyone go to the NALC website using their cell phones. You would use the menu button and go to "take action" to send the message to your Senator regarding the Reconciliation Bill (FERS Retirement Plan). Dave also advised us to look at the News & Info section on the website, which has a special "National Agreement issue" of the Activist which has detailed information about the new contract.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Greetings from the 30 in attendance at the last meeting. Tom thanked Dave and the NBA's office for providing lunch.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: Pam spoke about John's speech at the last Labor Council meeting. She also talked about the council's purpose and how members of Local 42 gathered in North City to assist the tornado victims with clean-up. There will be a protest on June 14, and the information can be found on the Labor Council's website.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: Saronda spoke on a new Roth IRA plan that is available through MBA, and she has pamphlets available for information.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Barry asked everyone to consider joining the NALC Health Plan during the open season. If you are already in the plan, sign-up for Hello Heart and you can get a free monitor if you have heart or diabetes issues.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Tom spoke on Ole Timers Day and the awards given to the various members. He also reminded us of the upcoming retirement seminar on July 13, which will be held at the Union Hall and run between 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: Richard thanked those who contributed to the Disaster Relief Fund. He talked about the number of people who have reached out to him that were affected by the tornado and the number of emergencies this year. Richard advised everyone to log items that are in their home, in the event of another disaster. Richard also spoke on the number of dog attacks this year. He

then spoke on the heat safety training which is supposed to be a class that we all are to have.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: Barry advised all to go to *ecompany.dol.gov* to set up an account just in case you are injured on the job. He also advised that your claim can be filed directly on that site. Barry encouraged everyone to participate in TSP to enhance their retirement income.

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

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: Brian reported that the portion of the Big Beautiful Bill which included the increase to FERS contributions has been stripped from the bill. However, they are trying to eliminate the payment of stewards by the post office. Brian spoke on the new overtime lists and rules. He also referred to the "New Employee Retention Program" and how it works. The new database will be up and running next week for the officers at the Union Hall to use. It will be opened for Step A stewards to use in a couple of weeks.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Marvin read his report and spoke on the food drive, stating that we collected about 144,000 pounds this year. We could have done better, but he found that some of the cards were never delivered, just as a lot of food was never picked up.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: We have been attempting to negotiate the St. Louis Installation LMOU, and the postmaster chose not to engage. Some of the things management has proposed is to eliminate first phase vacation bidding by installation, and to change the process by which we bid for vacation selections. He referenced the number of routes eliminated from the last inspections (14-Maryville, 13-Southwest and 8-West County). Management wants to put some routes back into Affton because of their faulty adjustments. Documentation has been requested at each unit, but most of it has not been provided. The Labor Parade will be in August, and we are looking to put a couple of trucks in the parade. We also want to have people carry the Hell No banner and the Haake banner. There will be refreshments at the end of the parade.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary