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Presidents Corner: July

By Al Floyd

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to attend the Washington State Convention. It was one of the better conventions that I have attended. Our National Officer, Executive Vice President Fred Rolando, addressed the delegates on the state of the Postal Service. He explained the need of staying legislatively active. That with our voice, the needs of the working class, could be heard. There were workshops that went right along with what Executive Vice President Rolando was saying such as walking districts, knocking on doors and doing phone banking. The main thing is getting someone in office that will have the working class in mind.

We had a Labor/Management meeting on June 4, and on the agenda was routes C-53A and C-71; follow ups, civilian cloths on case and goes, at the Main Office, DPS, Personal Information and the money for the news papers.

When asked about C-53A and C-71, Manager Chuck Roberts first response was to blame the carrier and that he did not have any numbers to use. I felt then as I do now, that it is just a smoke screen for not doing what is necessary for the betterment of the Lacey Station. I say that because the last manager, Sandy, went beyond the blame game. She took the information to Seattle and wanted to know why they were not making routes out of those auxiliaries.

As of now no one at the Main Office is allowed to wear civilian cloths when doing a case and go. I tried to get the Postmaster to see that this is a way towards working together between the carriers and management. I even told the Postmaster that I spoke with Dennis, the Manager of the Main Office, and at the time, he said he had no problem with it. It is still an up hill battle, but I'm hopping that we are closer to the top.

Asked about the DPS and why is it so hard to get help adjudicating the problems. It seems that the Postmaster does not have the authority to instruct the Plant but must use other avenues instead. The question came up also if we are allowed to case our DPS. The answer was no. Those of you who management is turning a blind eye to, please be careful.



Ex. Vice-Pres. Fred Rolando meeting with Br. 351 members at State Convention, May 16. From Left: George Vocke, Al Floyd, Sam Samuels, Debbie Dixon, Fred Rolando, Dean Peterson, and Vince Corsi

Minutes of Meeting: June

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, on June 5th, 2008, at the Labor Temple, on 119 ½ Capital Way N. Olympia.

“Thirteen” members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Sam Samuels.

Roll Call of Officers: All members were present with these exceptions; Secretary-Treasurer Vincent Corsi (Excused), Editor Steve Ambeau (Absent), Sergeant of Arms Kevin Hageman (Absent), Trustee Ryan Troy (Excused), Trustee Karen Colpo (Absent) and Trustee Cliff Darnell (Absent). The MBA and HBR positions are vacant.

Minutes of the Previous Month: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, seconded, and carried.

Applications for Membership: Corey Shupp signed backed up!

Communications: The 2008 constitutional convention of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO will begin Monday, August 4, at 9:00 a.m. at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA. It is anticipated that convention business will be completed by early Thursday afternoon. The master credential listing our delegates and alternates must be returned to their office by Thursday, July 3. A \$100 registration fee for each delegate is required. Blocks of rooms will only be held until July 3.

Committees: Food Drive: We could use 80,000 bags next year. More lead time for sponsors is needed. We need to start around Thanksgiving. The bags were hard to pull apart, but they definitely worked! 125,675 pounds is the new official total. There is a thousand pounds more because of food collected from the city of Dupont. The branch paid \$4.50 for each member's food drive T-shirt. Family members paid full price.

Picnic: Sam Samuels says we are good to go. It will be on Sunday, August 17th, at Burfoot Park.

MBA: No Report. **HBR:** No Report.

Unfinished Business: The new JCAMs still haven't come out yet. We still only have two TEs. One is assigned to the Main Office and the other one is assigned to the Westside. We need to get them signed up.

New Business: A motion was made for the branch to purchase two cell phones, not to exceed \$125 a month for both phones, funding to be taken from the State Convention line item, phones to be used by the President and Chief Shop Steward, service starting now and going through the end of 2008. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

Good of the Association: Carrier Corp: We need volunteers for the upcoming election cycle to put working family friendly candidates in office.

Labor/Management Meeting: Follow-up on C-53 and C-71. The Stewards at Lacey need to start filing grievances. According to management, the Seattle District isn't allowing the creation of any new routes and said we are going to

have to “suck it up!”

The ODL equitability format still has not been decided on. Two models are being tested.

Cell Phones: If you don't want supervisors calling you on your cell phone, tell them not to call you. Don't give them your cell phone number. Have them remove it from their rolodex.

ANNUAL BRANCH PICNIC

Aug 17, 2007

High Noon

Burfoot Park

DPS coming into the station is a complete mess. Still being placed upside-down. Route trays are not in the same GPC. Be sure to add the DPS search time to your 3996s. If it was on office time, this problem would have been fixed already!

Personal information: Supervisors are leaving your SSNs out in open view. Don't use you SSN. You need to start remembering your ID number. It is on your time card. Write it down and put it in your wallet. You can also just the last 4 of your SSN!

Supervisors need to stop calling out individuals by name at stand-ups who have accidents, etc.

Thanks to all the people responsible for putting on the Food Drive!

Marcus Delacruz had twin girls.

Ralph Rodd retired.

Erin Meeks made Regular.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to table the Treasurer's report until next month, seconded and carried.

50/50 COLCPE Drawing: The winning ticket was drawn by George Vocke. He won \$7.50 and a clip-on flashlight. He donated her \$7.50 to COLCPE for a total of \$15.

MDA Drawing: The winning ticket was drawn by Al Floyd. He won \$12 and a dominos game. He donated his \$12 to MDA for a total of \$24.

Food for next month's meeting: It's Potluck again! The theme is Mexican.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 PM (1:18:25).

Submitted by “Mean Dean” Peterson

“Mean Dean’s”

Who’s contributing in his Zip Code?

Search Criteria:

Zip: 98503

Cycle(s) selected: 2008

- Sort by Name
 Sort by Date (Descending)
 Sort by Amount

Contributor	Occupation	Date	Amount	Recipient
CHANG, AGNES LACEY, WA 98503	THE SENG GROUP, INC/ MANAGER	2/23/08	\$250	Obama, Barack (D)
RYDER, ANDREW LACEY, WA 98503	SELF EMPLOYED/ FULL-SERVICE CAR WASH	4/16/08	\$500	Obama, Barack (D)
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BOHMAN, ISA- BELLE M MS	RETIRED	1/17/08	\$200	McCain, John (R)
HANSON, J H LACEY, WA 98503		2/6/08	\$1,000	McCain, John (R)
KABRUD, MARY TATE MRS	RETIRED	1/14/08	\$200	McCain, John (R)
KABRUD, MARY TATE MRS	RETIRED	7/19/07	\$200	McCain, John (R)
THURLOW, HELEN G MRS	HOMEMAKER	4/8/08	\$200	McCain, John (R)

Submitted by “Mean Dean” via the Center for Responsive Politics

Lacey Shop Steward Report

Current grievances:

Opt not awarded properly-Resolved at Informal A-Affected Carrier Paid
Several out of schedule grievances-Resolved at Informal A-Affected Carriers Paid
3 ODL Equitability Grievances activated *again*-Pending other grievance outcome was withdrawn
Management doing Craft Work-pending
PTF A/L hours cut-Resolved at Informal A-Affected Carrier given 8 hours A/L

Tumwater Shop Steward Report

Current grievances:

Modified Job Not Offered-Resolved at Informal A-Offer Given
Modified Job Offered given Improperly-Pending at Informal A
Temporary Modified Job Offer Falsified-Pending at Informal A
7 Day Suspension-Failure to Follow...-Informal A set for June 18, 2008
7 Day Suspension-Failure to be Reg. In Attendance...-Pending at Informal A
PTF Hours Cut-Withdrawn by the Union-No violation

Chief Shop Steward Report

Current grievances:

Notice of Removal to a Disabled Veteran-Not Resolved at Formal A-Appealed to the Dispute Resolution Team with Additions and Corrections to Management's Contentions
Past Practice Grievance on Use of Computer by the Union-Withdrawn by the Union-Current practice is mutually acceptable
2 Lacey Grievances remanded back to Informal A level
Westside ODL Equitability-Withdrawn by the Union-Done Fair and Equitably

I just know that there is something that I am missing but that is it for now. It my day off and it is calling for a little bit of me time! Till next month!

In Unionism, Debbie Dixon

Union meetings are held on the third floor at the Labor Temple :

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Branch 351 holds its union meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

The Branch Union office will be opened every Tuesday & Thursday from 2:30 pm till 5:30pm. If I can't help you, I know where to get an answer for you.

Your VP,
Sam Samuels

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