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Minutes of Meeting: January 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, on January 8th, 2009, at the Labor Temple, on 119 ½ Capital Way N. Olympia.

“Nine” members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Floyd.

Roll Call of Officers: All members were present with these exceptions; Editor Steve Ambeau and Trustee Lisa Wooden (excused). The MBA and HBR positions are vacant.

Minutes of the Previous Month: A nomination was made and accepted for Sergeant of Arms – John Mauk, but was left out of the minutes. A motion was made to accept the November minutes as printed with this correction, seconded and carried.

Applications for Membership: None.

Communications: We received a card from Washington State President Bob James saying he was sorry for not being able to attend our Retiree’s Banquet this year. Louie Mackey (APWU Safety and Health Committee) resigned. An informational picket will be held in front of the Main Post Office from 1-3 pm on Monday the 12th of January.

2009 Budget: At National, the dues are going up. Do we want to match the increase locally? No. A question was raised as to why the office expenses went up for 2009. The newsletter also went down to zero. Equipment will be purchased so the branch can produce the newsletter. The cost will be reduced and the newsletter will be union made again. A question was asked why MDA went from zero to \$150. We normally give a check for MDA at the state convention but in 2008 we didn’t because of the national convention, plus Dean has been doing other things for MDA. A motion was made to accept the budget as written, seconded, discussed and carried.

Committees: Retiree’s Banquet; A motion was made to give Lisa Wooden a \$25 gift certificate for all of her hard work setting up the Retiree’s Banquet, seconded and carried.

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

Unfinished Business: At the November meeting, the Olympia Industrial Workers of the World were asking for help from their fellow workers in the area requesting donations. Do we want to give them anything? Dean does not have the letter with him for the specifics, so it will be tabled until next month. Olympia IWW can be reached at P.O. Box 2775 Olympia, WA 98506. E-mail: olywobs@riseup.net Tel.: (360) 878-1879

New Business: Basic Steward College is February 8th -12th. John Mauk and Ryan Troy volunteered. It is in the branch by-laws that one day of LWOP will be paid by the branch. They will get reimbursed for travel but will receive no per diem because all meals are being provided. John Mauk volunteered to be the steward at Tumwater and Ryan Troy volunteered to be the alternate steward at the Main. The Westside Steward and Alternate positions are vacant.

Good of the Association: Tumwater carriers are supposed to be moved to the main office within the next two to three weeks. Wouldn't recounts be required? What about leave picks? If carriers can't make it to work because of the flooding it should be administrative leave. If you can't get to your post office due to a natural disaster, management would like you to report to the nearest post office and that post office will find you work! A long a heated discussion about the turn-in of leave slots for union functions ensued. Vince Corsi was told to make up a by-law change and bring it to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to move \$17 from Affiliations, \$6.51 from L & I Insurance and 76.11 from meeting Expense to Donations and Gifts, seconded and carried. A motion was made to move \$2.64 from Meeting Expense, \$40.29 from Postage, and \$38.25 from Regional Assembly to Newsletters, seconded and carried. A motion was made to move \$141.75 from Regional Assembly, \$74.63 from Retirees Banquet, and \$71.71 from 2009 excess to Telephone, seconded and carried. A motion was made to move \$3,942.34 from 2009 excess to Officer Reimbursement, seconded and carried. A motion was made to approve to treasurer's report with the changes, seconded and carried.

50/50 COLCPE Drawing: The winning ticket was drawn by George Vocke." He won a Marcus Miller's Marcus CD and \$7.50. He donated his \$7.50 to COLCPE for a total of \$15.00.

MDA Drawing: The winning ticker was drawn by Al Floyd. He won Eric Clapton's Complete Clapton 2 CD set, book and \$12.50. He donated his \$12.50 to the MDA for a total of \$25.

Food for next month's meeting: It's potluck again! The theme is Valentine's Day (Sweet)!

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:19 PM (2:18:03).

Submitted by "Mean Dean"

Utility Kilt

Whereas: The utility kilt is not currently authorized to be worn by letter carriers or purchased through the uniform allotment program; therefore be it

Resolved: That Branch 351 assembled on the 8th day of January, 2009 in Olympia, Washington, do urge our Washington State Association of Letter Carriers to negotiate with our National Officers to approve letter carriers to wear the utility kilt and that the utility kilt be authorized for purchase through the uniform allotment program.

Motion made by: "Mean Dean" Peterson

Seconded by:

_____ Carried _____ Failed

X

X

Active letter carriers: Contribute to **COLCPE** using **PostalEASE**



Letter carriers can contribute directly to COLCPE (NALC's Committee on Letter Carrier Political Education) from their paychecks every pay period using the Postal Service's PostalEASE. Through PostalEASE you can designate COLCPE as one of your two* payroll "allotments."

- 1** Be sure you know your 4-digit USPS Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you cannot remember your PIN number, call PostalEASE at 1-877-4PS-EASE, select "1", enter your Employee ID Number (located at the top of your earnings statement), select "1" to hear information about your PIN, and select "2" to have your PIN mailed to you.
- 2** Create your own *Account Number* by inserting in the spaces at right the first seven digits of the ID number that appears above your name on the back cover of your *Postal Record*.

YOUR 17-DIGIT ACCOUNT NUMBER:

----- 0034952535
(First 7 digits of ID number on Postal Record label)

*****AUTO** 5-DIGIT 54321
 (XXXXX)89 LC 9876 W13 08
 JOHN CARRIER
 1234 MAIN STREET
 ANYWHERE, US 54321-9999

3 Now you are ready to call PostalEASE toll-free at 1-877-4PS-EASE (1-877-477-3273)

- When prompted, select "1" for PostalEASE and then enter your Employee ID Number and your USPS PIN
- Select "2" for payroll options
- Select "1" for allotments
- *Disregard* instruction to complete Allotment Worksheet and select "2" to continue
- Select "3" to ADD a new allotment
- Enter the 9-digit Financial Institution Routing Number:
064000017
- Select "1" to continue processing allotment
- Select "1" to "enter the allotment now"
- **Enter your 17-digit Account Number from above**
- Enter "1" for Checking
- Enter amount of allotment: \$ _____ .00 *per pay period.*
If amount is correct, select "1"

***** If you already have two allotments, you must cancel one to contribute to COLCPE through PostalEASE. To do so, follow the instructions at left but instead of selecting "3" to add a new allotment, select "2" to cancel an allotment.

After completing your entry, do *not* end the call until you hear the following:

Confirmation Number:

Your allotment will become effective on:

Your allotment will be reflected in paycheck dated:

Keep this information for your records and future reference.

By making a COLCPE allotment through PostalEASE, you are doing so voluntarily with the understanding that your contribution is not a condition of membership in the National Association of Letter Carriers or employment by the Postal Service nor a part of union dues and that COLCPE will use the money it receives to contribute to candidates for federal office as permitted by law. You are also making this allotment with the understanding that COLCPE contributions are not tax deductible and that your selection shall remain in full force and effect until canceled through the PostalEASE system.

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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