

Meeting Minutes  
#1-2011  
January 26, 2011

Attendance: 25

Dean Ambrosino called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

Vic Giorgio led the Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence for Ed Krzyzek

Roll call of officers

Dinner Served

7:00 PM Treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2011 given by Norma Johnson. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Vic Giorgio and seconded by Skip Delsesto. The motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Dave Girard and seconded by Vic Giorgio.

Becky Brown gave the secretary's report. Motion to accept was made by Betty Disalvia and seconded by Brady Sullivan.

Pam Monroe gave the Legislative Report. The following members will be attending the Legislative Training Seminar in Washington, DC, 3/20-3/23: Brian Holt, Pam Monroe, Dean Ambrosino, and Michaela Saccoccio. The legislators will not be in Washington at the time of the LTS but Pam is making appointments with their aides. She asked that all members go to the NAPS headquarters website to become familiar with the issues they will be bringing to the Hill. A motion to accept Pam's report was made and seconded by Bob Conroy Jr.

Dean commented that we can't assume that legislators know how the Postal Service works and where our funding comes from. He went on to introduce District Manager Mike Powers.

Mike asked us to read the newspapers and stay connected. In the Wall Street Journal, the national president of the APWU told members to stop filing grievances and be more cooperative with the Postal Service. Postmaster General Pat Donahoe said we will be closing 2,000 post offices. We had an 8.5 billion dollar loss in 2010. President Obama is looking to downsize the federal govt. and has frozen all salaries for the next two years. As of right now, Mike has not been told that the SENE district will be eliminated. When he was in Boston, he was given advance notice. As far as he is concerned, it is anyone's guess. He has heard that some support positions in the districts that remain will be abolished. John Rachlow asked Mike why we spend so much money on EXFC. Mike answered that the Regulatory Commission uses EXFC to look at how we are doing our job. EXFC measures delivery time of all classes of the mail.

Dean introduced our guest speaker Brian Wagner. Brian has worked for the post office for 32 years and has won the Benjamin Franklin Award 6 times.

Brian thanked Mike Powers for coming to the meeting. He said that it is rare to see a DM at a NAPS meeting. Brian explained what the officers do at headquarters on a daily basis. When he met with Dan

Doyle earlier in the day, Dan asked him what his platform is. Brian told him that our platform is right in our by-laws, to provide representation to our members. NAPS is currently having a membership drive. One of the groups they are reaching out to is postmasters. Headquarters is redoing their website to look more like a power point. He asked members to check it out as well as their pages on Facebook and Twitter. Brian went on to talk about the importance of the LTS this year. We have about 100 new legislators this year. We need to make sure that we educate these lawmakers on the issues of the Postal Service. NAPS is in the process of putting together a proposal for a new pay package. We have 45 days after the APWU settles their contract before we can start negotiations. Brian thanked us for the opportunity to speak to our branch.

Dean said that our power at NAPS comes from our members so we have to work together to get all members engaged.

Dean asked Genie Delsesto to give the report from the audit committee. The committee found records to be accurate for checking, savings, and money market accounts.

Alan Conca talked about the April 2, Foxwoods trip. He said what a great time members have had in the past and what a good deal it is. He urged members to make their reservations soon, as space is limited.

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Genie Delsesto who donated the \$55.00 back to SPAC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.