

UNION MEETING MINUTES FOR 5-16-10

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DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION; ANN REPORTS THAT THE MAY BREAKFAST WAS A SUCCESS AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP AND CLEANING UP AFTERWARDS...WE GOT SOME NEW MEMBERS THRU TRANSFERS FROM OTHER STATIONS.WELCOME....

BLDG MANAGER; BOB REPORTS THAT THE DANCE FLOOR WAS REPAIRED AT NO COST TO THE UNION. BOB AND JOHN CONTINUE TO DO US GREAT SERVICES....WE ARE STILL LOOKING INTO PRICES FOR REPLACING THE LOCKS TO THE ENTRANCE DOORS....

NBA REP; RICK LOGAN WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND SPOKE TO THE MEMBERS. RICK SAID THAT THE PROVIDENCE LOCAL HAS A LOT TO BE PROUD OF. THIS IS THE WAY A LOCAL SHOULD BE RUN.ALL UNION ARE GOING THRU A TOUGH TIME NOW BUT WE HAVE A "STAND UP" GROUP OF PEOPLE AND RICK SAYS HE IS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER.....ALSO PRESIDENT BURRUS SPOKE ON HIS PLAN TO START CHARGING NON-MEMBERS FOR UNION SERVICES. WHY SHOULD PEOPLE BE ALLOWED TO BENEFIT FOR THE FIGHTS OUR UNION WINS. THIS IS PRESIDENTS BURRUS GOAL BEFORE HE RETIRES IN NOVEMBER....

OLD BUSINESS; A VOTING ON THE BY-LAW CHANGE WAS HELD...AN AMMENDMENT WAS VOTED IN THAT DELAYS THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION FROM ATTENDING CONVENTIONS UNTIL 2012.....THE ORIGINAL CHANGE WAS PASSED...SEE BOARD.

NEW BUSINESS; RON BLAMIRES OF THE POSTAL RETIREES UNION ANNOUNCES A DONATION TO OUR UNION OF \$100. THANK YOU.....

MOTION MADE ; AND PASSED TO BRING BACK THE V.O.E. DRAWINGS. TWO A MONTH OF \$100. EACH...MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL PICNIC ON JULY 17TH W/NEC EXPENSES...EACH YEAR IS BETTER THEN THE LAST.

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GOOD & WELFARE;

THE FOLLOWING \$200. DONATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS;

BETHAL AME CHURCH
RI FOOD BANK
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
NATIONAL M.S. ORGANIZATION.

A LENGTHY DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS AND YOUR RIGHTS AS A WORKER. SEE POSTINGS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD....

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:10AM.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH, SUNDAY JUNE 13TH FOR ANOTHER EXCITING MEETING...

DON'T MISS IT.

Bob herron/sec/APWU