## UNION MEETING MINUTES FOR; OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>,09

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10AM BY PRESIDENT MATHIEU. AFTER THE MORNING PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG A ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND STEWARDS WAS TAKEN. RON REPORTED ON HIS TRIP TO WASH.D.C. WITH BOB ANDREOZZI, FRANK MCCABE AND JOE COEELHO TO TRY AND STRIKE A DEAL WITH POSTAL MANAGEMENT CONCERNING THE MVS PILOT PROGRAM. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT WE WERE SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WHICH ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE MORE LOCAL INPUT THEN PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE. THIS AGREEMENT WILL KEEP OUR BROTHERS IN THE MVS CRAFT DELIVERING MAIL FOR OUR LOCAL. THE NEW SCHEDULES SHOULD BE IN EFFECT WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL THEN BE OPEN FOR SIX MONTHS... ON THE CUSTOMER SERVICE SIDE WE WILL BE MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT IN REGARDS TO CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE CITY..MARK STREETER OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STEWARD HAS A LENGTHY REPORT CONCERNING THESE PROBLEMS.. AS ALL OF YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED WE ARE TAKING ON MORE AND MORE MAIL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT BUT ARE NOT GETTING MORE PEOPLE TO RUN IT. IT'S THE SAME OLD USPS MOTTO; "DO MORE WITH LESS" JUST REMEMBER OUR MOTTO "WORK SAFELY". MANAGEMENT HAS ALSO BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT SO CALLED STANDARDS THAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD HAVE WHILE RUNNING MAIL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. THESE NUGGETS OF WISDOM ARE PASSED ON TO US DURING SERVICE TALKS. I ATTENDED ONE RECENTLY AND NOTED THAT NOT ONCE DID THE SUPERVISOR MENTION WORKING SAFELY. IT'S ONLY ABOUT NUMBERS WITH THEM..... VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT; RAY SPOKE ON MANAGEMENTS INTENT TO TRY AND MAKE WORKERS WORK FASTER BY GIVING SERVICE TALKS AND BY AGITATING US, IT DON'T WORK. THEY SHOULD HIRE KNUTE ROCKNEY (TO LATE). THE CASUAL GRIVANCES CONTINUE TOWARDS FRUTATION. THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY US OFF SOONER OR LATER...ITS HARD TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH MANAGEMENT THEY KEEP CHANGING STEP II DESIGNEES. EVERYONE IS DESERTING SHIP.

CLERK CRAFT DIRECTOR; STEVE REPORTED OUT ON OUTSTANDING GRIEVANCES, MAINLY THE CASUAL CASES. MAYBE MANAGEMENT THINKS THEY WILL GO AWAY....NOT ALSO NO BID CYCLES SINCE AUGUST NOW MANAGEMENT SAYS IT IS WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE INCENTIVE LOSS OF EMPLOYEES TO SEE WHERE THEY STAND.....ALSO, STOP ANY MANAGEMENT FROM WORKING OUR JOBS. IT'S AN EASY GRIEVANCE TO WIN....WORK SAFELY.

MAINTENANCE CRAFT; ADAM REPORT ON THE CONTINUING GRIEVANCES AND THE FIGHT TO KEEP MAINTENANCE JOBS FROM BEING CONTRACTED OUT.....ALSO, HE IS TRYING TO GET COVERALLS FOR MPE'S.

DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION; ANN REPORTS SIGNING UP TWO NEW MEMBERS, WE ARE STILL STRIVING FOR 100%. WE COULD USE HELP FOR OUR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARTY..... BUILDING MANAGER; BOB MARCOCCIO ALONG WITH HELP FROM JOHN MORAN CONTINUE TO SAVE THE UNION THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS; NEW ELECTRICAL OUTLETS INSTALLED, CLEANED UP THE ROOF AND DRAINS, REPAIRED OUR VIDEO CAMERAS, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON...THANK YOU, NOW WE CAN'T GET ELECTROCUTED IN THE KITCHEN. WINDOWS STEWARD; SEE MARKS EXCELLENT REPORT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

NEW BUSINESS: MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO PUT UP A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE PLANT FOR THE SUN-SHINE CLUB. MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO PURCHASE TWO NEW CHAIRS FOR THE UNION OFFICE...NECESSARY EXPENSES. MOTION MADE AND PASSED FOR ANY EXPENSES MIKE VINAL INCURRED IN RUNNING THE PICKET IN CUMBERLAND. MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO CONTRIBUTE HALF THE 50/50 DRAWINGS AT THE HALL TO THE SUN-SHINE FUND NOW THAT THEY HAVE A TAX NUMBER...

GOOD & WELFARE; \_\_RETIREE RON BLAMIRES SPOKE ON A REP FROM BLUE CROSS SPEAKING AT A RETIREE MEETING THE SECOND THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER ANYONE MAY COME.

AFTER THIS MEETING A SPECIAL CLASS WILL BE GIVEN BY OUR OWCP SPECIALIST JIM OZANION. ALL STEWARDS WILL ATTEND ALONG WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL. THIS ALL HELPS US BE STRONGER AND ABLE TO REPRESENT OUR MEMBERS BETTER. THERE ARE NO LOCALS LIKE OURS BELIEVE ME.....

THE PICKET TO SAVE OUR STATION AND BRANCHES IN CUMBERLAND/VALLEY FALLS WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS. IT RECEIVED GREAT NEWS COVERAGE. OUR BELOVED NATIONAL UNION TOLD US IT IS UP TO US TO FIGHT AGAINST CLOSINGS, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE. WE WILL DO IT. FURTHER PICKETS WILL BE POSTED TRY TO ATTEND, JOIN THE FIGHT....THANK YOU MIKE VINAL FOR A GREAT JOB....... OTHER NEWS, NAPA, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTMASTERS SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT THE V.O.E. PROGRAM. WOW, IT TOOK THEM A LONG TIME TO FIGURE THIS OUT....

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:50AM

SEE YOU SUNDAY, NOVEMBER  $15^{TH}$  FOR OUR FINAL REGULAR MEETING IN 2009.......

Bob herron/sec/APWU