

Western Michigan Area Local #281
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the APWU Union Hall, located at 2554 Burlingame Ave SW; Wyoming, MI 49509 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Short Invocation.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following officers were present:

Executive Vice-President – Joshua Gray	Craft Director B- David Jane
Recording Secretary- Suzi Boyd	Maintenance Craft Director – Michael Long
Treasurer- Linda Chandler	Motor Vehicle Craft Director- Chris Fisher
	Sergeant at Arms – John Hansma

The following officers were absent: President Amy Puhalski and Clerk Craft Director A Jeff Schellinger.

Review of previous meeting’s minutes: Motion by: Mike Long, seconded by: Chris Fisher to accept the May 6, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Carried

Applications for Membership (Accepted by Voice Vote of Membership):

Jacqueline Fohey	Nicole Hayes	Devin Wilson	Stephanie Schmidt
Tia Hoeve	Sierra Crofoot	Nichole Wierks	Shelby Lydy
Melissa Flowers	Damon Kelly	Zachary Goosen	

Welcome New Members of the WMAL!

Bills: None

Officer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report: Report ending May 31, 2017 read. Motion to accept report by Mike Long, seconded by Lisa Borchardt. Carried

President’s Report: Absent

Executive Vice-President’s Report: The state training went very well. Locally most grievances have been held at step 2 while the designee has been on vacation.

Recording Secretary’s Report: Thank you Amy and the membership for sending myself and all other stewards who attended to the state educational assembly. It is always great to learn and gain new knowledge to fight the fight against management. If you don’t already contribute to TSP, I encourage you to do so. Postal employees are leaving behind an estimated 200 million dollars by not maximizing their contributions. The struggle continues with the repeal of Obama care. Twenty-three million people will lose their health care if Trumps new health care plan goes thru. There is new information on the HR756 bill, that was updated yesterday on the APWU website.

Clerk Craft - A Report: Absent

Clerk Craft -B Report: We have been getting reports from clerks about standby, when you are on standby, management is using those hours to claim that there is not work available. If you are being told to go on standby let your supervisor know what things need to be done that they might not notice. Ask to see your steward if you're directed to go on standby even after you inform your supervisor of things that need to be done. If you are having any issues with the call in line or are receiving an awol for the hours between your BT and the time you actually call in, see your steward. Thanks for sending me to the education assembly.

Maintenance Craft Report : The education assembly was a success, learning about subcontracting was an eye opener.

Motor Vehicle Craft Report: We have hired three new PTF's. Senior drivers should hopefully be converted soon. We are working on 12 new grievances for cross craft. Driver's please continue to scan as you need too. The education conference was good and very informative.

Sergeant at Arms Report: None

Committee Reports:

A&E committee: Tigers game is Sept 17th. Fill out your request for tickets and get it to Amy before Aug 11th. Cost is \$40.00.

Correspondence: Card from Joe Bell Thanking WMAL for his retirement gifts.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

E-Board Recommendations: None

Labor Management: If you have anything for Labor Management please let your President or Craft Directors know.

Drawings: \$250.00 Attending the Meeting Drawing: Greg Lesinski (if he was at this meeting, he would have won!)

COPA: 50/50 Drawing: \$86.00 collected. \$43.00 to the winner. Christina Saenz

Five (5) - Twenty (20.00) Dollar Door Prizes: (NOTE: According to local policy, when an Executive Board member receives one of the door prizes, another drawing is done. If 40 or more are present, there is one additional drawing per ten members).

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| 1. John Hansma | 4. Andrea Saenz |
| 2. Addy Van Dreumel | 5. Lisa Borchardt |
| 3. Michael Greene | 6. Geraldine Davis |

Motioned to adjourned the meeting at 7:25 Mike Long, seconded David Janes, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary