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MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2006

President Bob Dyer called the April meeting of NALC Branch 147 to order at 6:30 on Wednesday April 19, 2006. Sgt at Arms Terrell Johnson led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Norwalk carrier Jerry Simmons. Secretary Bruce Anderson read the roll call: one officer excused, two trustees excused; four National Convention Delegates excused one absent. All other officers and delegates were present. Twenty seven branch members were in attendance. The secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. Bill Mills moved to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Brian Burgess and passed. The secretary read communications from MDA, Americares and National. There were no new applications for membership.

COMMITTEES

Safety

Bob Morgan reported that the next meeting of the Safety Committee will be April 21.

MDA

Vice President Keith McLeod announced that the Stride and Ride fundraiser will be held this Sunday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Eight flash memory chips have been purchased for the President, Secretary and six stewards to transfer data from the branch computer into the laptops or home computers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The recent count & inspections resulted in the elimination of one route in the 06855 zip. All carriers from Jim Dotterman (47 in seniority) will have their routes posted for bidding. OIC Fagan is trying to circumvent the contract as usual and have all routes reposted. This is a violation of Article 41 as well as the local Memorandum of Understanding. All bidding should be done by April 29 with May 9 as the deadline for completing all adjustments. The AIMS team will be in to discuss delivery patterns.

Norwalk has hired 5 new PTFs. Three are in training now and two will begin on May 1.

NALC President Bill Young is looking for COLCPE coordinators in each branch. Anyone interested in volunteering should notify President Dyer.

Several grievances have been filed concerning expansion of street time and unauthorized overtime. The B team decisions have been with the union except where the carrier has failed to fill out a 3996. Also, overtime violation adjustments have been made. A discussion on OT violations at the Main Office vs. Belden Station took place.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

EAP is sponsoring a poster contest. All artwork should be submitted by May 1.

Harding Dies suggested that the branch sponsor an ad in the program for Brian McMahan High School's "Celebration of Sound." Peter Bardos moved that the branch purchase a ½ page ad for \$85.00. Kathryn Rubenstein seconded. Discussion included such arguments as the danger of setting a precedent which may have to be followed, and the suggestion that we are a local branch supporting a local cause. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Secretary Brenda Holguin reported the following:

Opening balance:	\$39,716.34
Month's expenses:	\$2,584.03
Checking deposits:	\$4,553.34
Checking balance:	\$23,927.84
Savings balance:	\$17,764.37
Closing balance:	\$41,692.21

Marvin Simmons moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Tom Moore and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Harding Dies moved that the meeting be adjourned. Wayne Zola seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:54.