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MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2006

President Bob Dyer called the March meeting of NALC Branch 147 to order at 6:30 on Wednesday March 15, 2006. Sgt at Arms Terrell Johnson led the pledge of allegiance. Secretary Bruce Anderson read the roll call: one trustee excused; one National Convention Delegate excused one absent. All other officers and delegates were present. Thirty four branch members were in attendance. The secretary read the minutes of the February meeting. Bill Mills moved to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Uly Whitby and passed unanimously. The secretary read a letter from Rep. Christopher Shays announcing his co sponsorship of HR 147, the Social Security Fairness Act. There were no new applications for membership.

COMMITTEES

Safety

Bob Morgan reported on the latest meeting of the Safety and Health Committee. Marie Peterson is calling to get CPR training set up. The dog warden will be giving safety talks in April. Carriers are reminded to strap out composite bundles of mail rather than using trays.

Good Housekeeping

Terrell Johnson reported that the radiators and heating unit attached to the ceiling at the Main Office need to be inspected. More good housekeeping reminders have been posted. Sand in Belden's parking lot has been cleaned thus eliminating slipping hazards. The stationary lift at the MO needs attention. This may be brought up by the safety committee. Rubber bands should be cleaned up from the parking lot. A reminder; the parking lot is not a trash bin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

The recent Count and Inspection seminar was well attended. Hopefully every one is using the information this week during the 06855's inspections.

As reported in the Safety Committee meeting report, strap out flats. Move the bundles individually. While it takes more time it will save your back.

NEW BUSINESS

President Dyer reported that it seemed as though this particular group of inspectors is not all that knowledgeable. They are overly talkative and distracting. A discussion took place on the advantages of counting

DPS mail for inspections. The latest word from Hartford is that there will be no further inspection in Norwalk or Darien at this time. Perhaps in the fall.

MSP labels are being replaced on the road without the carrier's knowledge.

Michael Haser recommended that the branch purchase flash cards to be used with the lap tops by the stewards. He suggested 7 (one for the President and one for each of the 6 stewards). John Cornachio moved that the branch purchase an adequate number of flash cards. Tom Moore seconded and the motion passed.

President Dyer and Vice President Keith McLeod attended the MDA kickoff in New York. Last year Branch 147 projected a donation of \$13000 and fell \$300 short. We are pledging the same amount this year. Keith mentioned that this year's Stride & Ride will take place on April 23 at the Palisades Mall. There is also going to be a golf tournament for MDA sponsored by Region 15. Time and date to be announced.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

The inspected carriers discussed some of the issues concerning them during the ongoing inspections. Kevin Adamcik recounted when an inspector following him called off the inspection in frustration. Brother Adamcik received a deserved round of applause. Will the inspections be grieved? It depends on whether or not it is to the membership's advantage and if there are sufficient grounds.

OIC Fagan told Sly Jennings that he is to place all mail into gang boxes at once instead of delivering cars ten flats then DPS. Fagan's way will not be as time efficient and given that the DPS without Apt. numbers is out of sequence, it would be nearly impossible. John Klein suggested following Fagan's instructions no matter how long it takes and bring back all of the mis-sequenced DPS mail.

Once again, everyone is reminded that DOIS times are not mentioned in the M-41 or any other manual. Mr. Fagan however feels that the M-41 is obsolete.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Frank Glick reported the following:

Opening balance:	\$41,457.78
Month's expenses:	\$6,261.16
Checking deposits:	\$4,521.72
Checking balance:	\$21,958.53
Savings balance:	\$17,757.81
Closing balance:	\$39,716.34

Bill Mills moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Uly Whitby and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Mills moved that the meeting be adjourned. John Cammarota seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50.