**BRANCH 1477 N.A.L.C.**

 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING**

 **October 24, 2024**

Submitted by Ken Grasso

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by President Joe Henschen.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by President Joe Henschen.

**Reading of Official Correspondence:** by Ken Grasso - None

**Branch by the Numbers:** As of the PP 19 Dues roster, 785 Active, 768 Members paying dues. Retirees 563.Quarter 2 Annuitants Deducts 448 (126 Gold Cards) – 1348 Total Members.

Recognize from Absolute Quality Interpreting Services Natasha Moreno.

T**reasurer:** Chuck Cavicchio-read ending balances for September. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Tom Phillips, seconded by Judy Dorris. Motion passes.

**Director of Retiree** **Affairs:** O.D. Elliott-mentioned that he had applied to the NALC Disaster Relief Fund and received a grant within 2 days.

President Henschen read a list of new retirees:

* Mike Mignone - Maderia Beach
* Alan Stiendorfer - Northside
* Mike Knipp - Largo
* Jim Jagnow - Largo
* Cheryl Anderson - St. Pete Beach
* Dana Bolvin - St. Pete
* Chris Hubble - Open Air

**Director of Insurance:** Tom Phillips-Open Enrollment starts November 11th through December 9th. You can call me if you have any questions about signing up.

**Executive Vice President:** Chris Hubble-We have an extension on all grievances in all offices until October 31, 2024 due to the hurricanes. We processed seventy-one cases at Informal A. Twenty-three cases appealed to Formal A, seven cases appealed to Step B.

**Welfare Reports:**

**Glad:**

Steve Mandel, Carrier Midtown-Got married.

Donny DeMilta, Steward Seminole-Daughter got married.

**CCA Promotions**

* Broden Clark - Seminole
* Justice Mitchell - St. Pete
* Jonathan Torres - St. Pete
* Jerrard Jackson - St. Pete
* Justin King - St. Pete
* Gary Wahlers - St. Pete

**Presidents Report:**

Update on status of the Branch car accident from August 2022. One year later in August of 2023 we received notice of a legal suite against President Henschen and Branch 1477. Everything was turned over to the Insurance lawyers and we did not hear anything until May of this year. In May 2024, an offer was made by State Farm in the amount of $18,000 to the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff countered with a proposed settlement of $150,000 received on August 16, 2024. State Farm then offered the Plaintiff $20,000 and that would resolve all damages against the Defendants. There was a window of 30 days to hear a response, but we have not heard back from the Insurance lawyers.

Regional and National Officers are required to invest in a DOC Policy Drivers of Other Cars. This would cover the Branch car while commuting between work and home. Treasurer Chuck Cavicchio is researching about securing a DOC policy that President Henschen can take out for the future.

Western Region 9 Spring 2025 COP is in Pasadena, California.

Region 9 is having a Summer Legislative/Contract Training in Miami at their union hall starting on Friday May 16,2025 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM which will be a General Session. Several contractual classes will be offered by NBA Eddie Davidson from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Also, during that time there will be LCCL training.

Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM there will be more contractual classes and political classes.

Sunday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM there will be a retirement class open to all union wishing to attend.

FSALC State Convention August 14-16, 2025, will be in Orlando at the Double Tree across from Universal Studios.

A PowerPoint presentation was shared of the Tentative National Agreement by Region 9 NBA Eddie Davidson.

Ppoints of the Tentative Agreement were discussed with the membership. A copy of the Tentative Agreement is going to be put in the November Twig to be mailed.

Discussion followed among the members present in the meeting. Various questions covering a lot of different areas of the Tentative Agreement and other areas of interest.

Proposed Bylaw Change was read. “BRANCH 1477 NALC EYE GLASS PLAN” will be discussed and voted on at the November General Membership Meeting. This Bylaw change proposes to change the amount of reimbursement for members from $60 to $70 per application per year. The Bylaw change also proposes to change the amount of reimbursement for dependents from $50 to $60 per application per year.

**Door Prize Drawing:**

**Lotto – Scratch Off Ticket**

**Two tickets to be drawn next month.**