



San Antonio Alamo Area Local

## American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes July 17, 2010

**Meeting Called to order at 11:31.**

**The invocation** was given by Brother Alex Aleman.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Brother Wade Stewart.

The regular order of business was deviated to allow guests to address the membership. First guest was Jessica Grigsby from Castle Monarch Dental. She spoke of the mail out that was sent to the membership which offers reduced prices for dental services. The second guest was Sammy Carr from Texas Life Insurance Company. He spoke about FEGLI and the increase in cost to employees as they age. Texas Life Insurance Company offers a life plan with permanent and portable whole life to age 100. The third guest was Gloria Parra, President of the San Antonio AFL-CIO and Kathryn Thompson-Garcia, United Way AFL-CIO. Special guests were: Valerie, President of the Kerrville APWU and Becky, Secretary Treasurer of the Kerrville APWU.

Meeting was returned to the regular order of business at 11:52. Motion was made by Sister Sunny Wirth to have Sister Yolanda Deleon take the meeting minutes in place of Sister Hope Ortiz who is not present at the meeting. Second by Brother Ralph Cardenas; passes.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Alex Aleman, Jeff Greenlee, LaMonica Biggers, Guillermo Olivares, Sterling Ricks, Sandra Lira, Ralph Cardenas,

Barry Payne, Wade Stewart, Douglas Yarnes, Lloyd Burrows.

Absent: Hope Ortiz. Excuse submitted for: Robert Proo, Nick Dipasquale.

The members approved the written excuses.

The minutes for the May General Membership Meeting were presented. Motion to accept the Minutes as presented was made by Brother Guillermo Olivares; second by Brother Ruben Almanza, passes.

**Financial Report for the month of May** is as follows: Check balance brought forward \$9,554.11; Expenses: \$33,593.19; Deposits \$25,595.72; Checking Balance \$1,556.64; Savings Balance \$124,124.37; Total Cash Assets \$125,681.01.

Motion to accept the May financial report was made by Brother Guillermo Olivares, second by Brother Red Thurman; passes.

**Financial Report for the month of June** is as follows: Check balance brought forward \$1,556.64; Expenses: \$42,478.61; Deposits \$40,407.63; Checking Balance -\$514.34; Savings Balance \$116,378.58; Total Cash Assets \$115,864.24.

Motion to accept the June financial report with the correction of check balance -514.34 was made by Brother Guillermo Olivares, second by Brother Ruben Almanza; passes.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

Order of Business was transposed to allow Gloria Parra, President of the San Antonio AFL-CIO to address the members. Sister Parra is a 43 year member of the CWA (Communication Workers of America) and is representing Labor for the United Way. She has been a shop steward and national CWA representative. Sister Parra will be meeting soon with Postal management. She will remind Management that the CFC can not be successful without the Unions. Kathryn Thompson-Garcia also spoke and told the membership that she had been asked to make a CFC presentation to postal employees by postal management and she lets management know that she works for the Unions. She will only come if requested by the Union. She works for the Union.

**New Business**

**Executive Board Recommendations:**

1. To change the August General Membership Meeting to August 14<sup>th</sup> due to the August National APWU Convention. Motion was made to change the meeting time to 7:45 a.m. on August 14<sup>th</sup> passes.
2. That we allow the La Coste Post Office to merge with the San Antonio Alamo Area Local; passes
3. That we fund Brother Barry Payne to attend the MVS Craft Conference on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the National Convention not to exceed \$500; passes.
4. That we donate the monthly \$75 contribution to the Everyday Christian Fellowship to support the Free Music Camp which will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru August 6<sup>th</sup>; passes.
5. That we spend, not to exceed, \$850 for the construction of a barbeque pit; passes.

**Other New Business:**

President Aleman reported that management wants employees to work 4 hrs on their SDO. Members are guaranteed 8 hours. Managers are verbally asking employees to change their SDO because they don't want to pay out of schedule

or to circumvent overtime. Any change of schedule must be submitted to the Union office for approval. Check your pay stub for your out-of-schedule pay.

**Motion to adjourn at 12:43 pm.**

Drawing was held for the monthly Door Prize.

Names drawn were:

Sandra Lira	PL 030
Rosemary Pounds	PL 139
Peter Stevenson	PL 114
Christopher Hinojosa	PL 139
Murdy Haagerson	PL 137

Sandra Lira was present and won the door prize of \$150.

Three whitening kits were donated by Castle Monarch Dental and were won by:

1. Phillip Abney
2. Norman Mitchell
3. Yolanda Deleon


The autographed Dallas Cowboy football was won by Pamela Cano-Desso.


The VOE survey drawing:

- \$50 won by Frances Howell, New Braunfels.
- \$25 won by Arthur Brown, PL 742
- \$25 won by Murdy Haagerson, PL 137

Two winners for Texas Life Insurance \$25 cash were:

1. Roberto Diaz
2. Jennifer Thurman

  
 Yolanda Deleon  
 For Hope Ortiz  
 Recording Secretary  
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 Alex Aleman  
 President  
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