

UNION MEETING

HAPPENINGS

July 2023

210 CLUB RAFFLE \$500 WAS WON BY

Patrick Mercury

Patrick is a carrier in Rochester, NY (Panorama)

Congrats Pat!

This month's meeting was held in person on July 5, 2023, at 7:00pm at the IBEW union hall on East River Road in Rochester.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meetings minutes was made and passed without dissent.

The bills were read and shared with the membership, a motion to pay all the bills was made and passed without dissent.

Health Benefit Report: Mike Masters

Mike was excused this evening.

President Montgomery reported that NARFE will be holding the Health benefits Seminar on Sunday November 12 at the RIT INN and conference Center 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467. More details to follow.

Communications

The branch received the following requests for donations.

Branch 358 Schenectady is holding a retirement party for long time president Bill Cook on September 9. The members approved an ad in the journal for \$200 and up to 7 tickets to the party in Albany at \$90 each as well as travel and one night hotel stay.

The IBEW is holding a golf tournament and the members approved sponsoring a hole for \$150.

Benefit Trust Report; Sam Hogan

The benefit trust financial report was shared with the members with no questions. Current balance of \$194,039.64

AFL-CIO Report:

The branch approved purchasing tickets to this year's labor film series for \$250. The films begin this fall.

There is COPE Picnic at the round house shelter in Genesee Valley Park on July 9th.

July 15th is the Pride Parade

The Branch approved a \$100 registration fee for Branch 210 to march in the Labor Day Parade on September 4, 2023

Building report:

Final measurements for the new windows have been taken place and the windows are being made now. We will update the members when installation is complete.

Basement work has been confirmed but has not yet been scheduled. We will update when work begins.

Political Education:

HR 82 the Social Security fairness act has been resubmitted before the 188th Congress. As of this submission it has 287 co-sponsors.

H.R. 856 / S.274 **paid** family leave bill has been introduced in the House and Senate. This would provide paid FMLA instead of having to use your own leave. This is only being proposed and has not passed yet. 35 Co-Sponsors in the house and 10 in the Senate.

H.R. 618 / S.131 Improving Access to Workers Compensation. This bill allows OWCP to accept Physician Assistants as well as doctors, this makes getting approved easier.

Vehicle & Safety:

Heat illness training must be given by April 1st every year. If you have not received the training, please notify your steward. We are filing grievance about the postal services failure to provide the training as well as falsification of training records. If your steward asks for a statement, please assist us, and provide a statement.

Unfinished Business: President Kenny Montgomery:

Uniforms needed at the union hall!!!

Surveys have been sent out again due to the vendor putting employee ID on the survey. We should have had raffle last month, but we will have one this evening, one in September and one in December \$100. This month's Survey raffle winner for \$100 was Dwight Adlaon from Fairport

Contract expires May 20....no updates available yet on a new contract that is being negotiated. We are in a 60-day medication period.

New Business: President Montgomery

Hoodie Resolution branch 210 joins branch 3688 Willoughby Ohio in submitting for National Convention consideration a resolution to include Hoodies in our uniform allowance and authorized wearing on the street.

Pregnancy workers fairness act was recently passed and enacted providing reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers [Click here](#) for more information

Liteblue access password reset instruction....[Click Here](#) for the instruction on obtaining a new temporary password for liteblue and postalease

UPS pending Strike, their contract expires July 31 and teamsters have already authorized a strike. Negotiations broke down early this morning and both sides walked away from the bargaining table. A strike could mean additional packages for the USPS during the strike. As a reminder, Branch 210 does not cross picket lines (For safety)

If you're hurt on duty and have an accident, Branch 210 recommends filing your claim online. **ECOMP ONLINE submission.... Please do it online with less problems.** [Click Here](#) to register and file your claim.

Death of Members

A moment of silence was held for Retiree David Duebler.

Good of the Association

Branch 210 will be holding our summer picnic at Seabreeze this year due to Darien Lake raising their prices and the declining of the Darien Lake Park. We Prices and details soon.

The next union meeting is open to all members and is Wednesday August 2, 2023 at 7:00pm in person at the IBEW union hall at 2300 East River Road 14623