

# UNION MEETING

## HAPPENINGS

March 2024

210 CLUB RAFFLE \$500 WAS WON BY

John Farrell

John is a letter carrier in Rochester 14618

Congrats John!

This month's meeting was held in person on March 6, 2024, 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**

#### **HEALTH BENEFITS:**

Mike shared the updated number of Beranch 210 members in our health plan as a result of the 2023 Open Season

230 Active carriers have the NALC Health Plan

137 Retirees have NALC Helath Insurance

### **Benefit Trust Report; Sam Hogan**

The benefit trust financial report was shared with the members with no questions. Current balance of \$202,577.72

### **AFL-CIO Report:**

The labor council reported upcoming elections locally for the AFL-CIO

Labor Dayn Parade will be held on Labor Day this year (September 2, 2024)

The Labor Council will be participating in this year St. Patrick Day parade.

Channel 8 & 10 are having labor disputes currently.

1500 U of R employees are attempting to organize.

## **Building report:**

No report

## **Political Education:**

The redistricting in New York did not affect our area

HR 82 the WEP/GPO repeal still has the need for everyone to contact our congressional reps to get this bill to the floor for a vote.

HR 5995 (non career buyback) has all of our local congressional reps co-sponsoring. We need this bill to be brought forward for a vote.

A new bill is expected out of Congressman Fitzpatrick office in Pennsylvania. The bill is the Carrier Protection Act and allocate funds to replace all of our arrow locks with electronic versions as well as create stiffer penalties for those that attack our carriers and puts new prosecutors in all of the Postal regions. Last year there were over 2000 attacks on letter carriers.

## **Vehicle & Safety:**

No report

## **Unfinished Business: President Kenny Montgomery:**

Steward Elections.

February 9 for Spencerport, Ryan Ballinger was elected as steward.

February 16 for GMF, Mike Vieira and Dan Saxton were elected.

February 16 for Irondequoit, Ann Pacher and Jose (Chris) Velez were elected. Todd Larnder has filed a protest in the Irondequoit election and therefore there will be a new election held for the Irondequoit steward election. President Montgomery has appointed a 5-member committee to ensure no issue are had with the new election.

Contract update, The NALC and USPS have appointed Arbitrator Nolan as our neutral arbitrator. As compared to our last contract the arbitrator was chosen February 5, 2020 and we did not have a contract until March of 2021. The arbitration process has the potential to take a year to be completed. It could be finished earlier but it has the potential for a lengthy time.

Leave selection for the 2024 should be complete in all units by now, if your office has not completed vacation bidding, please contact the union office.

Update to the article 10 charges against the National President Renfro. The hearings have concluded, and the parties have until the end of March to submit written briefs. Once the briefs are submitted the executive council then makes the decision as to guilt or innocence as well as any potential penalty. Either party may appeal the decision to the National Convention and the membership present at the convention have the final say.

The following is shared at every union meeting..... 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.**

## **New Business: President Montgomery**

OWCP Claims. Ecomp.dol.gov. Still having issues with COP being paid. If one of your carriers gets hurt (CA-1), ask them if they are getting paid COP, if not please contact the union office for advice on filing a grievance.

Region 11 Rap session. March 16-18 in Akron Ohio. We have 3 officers and 5 stewards attending

NALCREST current waiting list is 362 people. Efficiencies, 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom apt. Rent starts at \$383 per month. Currently they have 500 apartments.

Marty Walsh nominated by Biden to the Board of Governors, previous mayor of Boston served as secretary of labor 2021-2023, NALC supports this nomination.

## **Death of Members**

Branch 210 lost the following members this month.

David Genesky

James Banks

Adam Zambuto

Linneus Farrell

## **Good of the Association**

The MDA coordinator Nicole Ward hosted our MDA bowl-a-thon at L&M lanes. We raised \$760 which was sent to MDA.

We are beginning planning our MDA golf tournament and will update the membership when plans are finalized

**The next union meeting is open to all members and is Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in person at the IBEW union hall at 2300 East River Road 14623**