

# UNION MEETING

## HAPPENINGS

October 2024

210 CLUB RAFFLE \$500 WAS WON BY

PENNY MORRELS

CARRIER FROM GMF

CONGRATS PENNY!

This month's meeting was held in person on October 2, 2024, at the IBEW union hall.

**Kenny Montgomery retired on October 2 and per by-laws Vice-President Monique Mate was sworn in as Branch President by Business Agent, Mark Camilli.**

**First order of business was to appoint (as per by laws) a Vice-President. Mate appointed Mike Masters as Vice-President and Kenny Montgomery as the Branch Health Benefit Officer.**

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. The bills from August and September were audited and approved by the trustees.

### **Health Benefit Report:**

**HEALTH BENEFITS:** Kenneth Montgomery

Kenny Montgomery gave a report and gave out a handout on the new rates of health insurance after January 1, 2025. He gave a detailed report on the percentage the Postal Service is saving comparing the Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) vs. Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB)

Open season will be November 11 – December 9, 2024.

If you do not change or elect a health care during open season, OPM will switch the carrier automatically to the plan you are already in.

Branch 210 will be at NARFE Open Season on November 11, 2024 from 12-5 at the RIT INN and Conference Center 5257 West Henrietta Road.

In open season if you are changing or electing a plan you must create a profile and go through [www.login.gov](https://www.login.gov) to make changes. You will not go through postal ease as we have in previous years. The profile can be created immediately, do not have to wait for open season.

Washington will be mailing every NALC member a packet outlining the plan. Currently at printer.

#### MBA report

MBA has increased the maximum Life Insurance for the plans. Currently \$100,000 increasing to \$150,000. Can not change current plan, must reapply.

Any questions or for more details contact the union office @ 427-2450.

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

The benefit trust financial report was shared with the members with no questions. \$211,851.24

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

The labor council is holding the labor film series again this year. Free tickets are available at the union hall. The films are shown at the Dryden theatre 900 East Avenue 7:30pm each night and are as follows. Tickets are at the hall.

October 4 -----Do Not Expect Too Much From The End of The World

October 11 -----Unrest

October 18 -----Union

October 25 -----The Whistle at Eaton Falls

November 1 ----- The Old Oak

#### **Building report:**

Nothing to report

#### **Political Education:**

H.R. 82 discharged received the 218 signatures needed. Predicting it will not come to floor until after the election.

NALC website has a voter guide on it. If you are not registered to vote the NALC has a link to sign up.

#### **Vehicle & Safety:**

Greece carrier had his LLV start smoking and go up in flames. Reminder your safety is most important, get away from truck if you see smoke or fire, do not try to save mail.

#### **Unfinished Business: President Monique Mate:**

APWU Rally was held on Tuesday October 1, 2024, at Westgate Post Office 10am – 2pm. The board of governors last year limited public comment to once a year as opposed to every quarterly meeting. Improve staffing levels and provide better service. Listening to Postal Workers at the bargaining table.

Ten Branch 210 members came to support the cause. Thank you to those carriers.

Kenny had a retirement seminar on September 12, at the hall in which we brought interpreters for our hard of hearing and deaf carriers, so they were able to get access to the retirement class Kenny has been giving.

Retirees Breakfast is Friday October 4, 2024, 9am at RIT INN and conference center

Columbus Day Golf tournament -Cash only \$75per person/\$300 team includes skins  
Timber Ride west Ridge Rd

Calendars are in stewards receive 2, please make sure we pass out to all members. NONE to non-members. If you want extras \$5.00 cash at hall. Those stewards who did not attend the calendars will be sent or brought to those stations.

The Business Agent Mark Camilli spoke on the upcoming contract. No news to report but believe it is soon.

Mark as being flown to Washington along with other Business Agents to meet with Brian Renfro October 7,8, and 9th to discuss a variety of topics

### **New Business: President Mate**

Retirement party for Kenny on Dec 14, RIT Conference Center- Check or cash only, check made out to Monique Mate send to hall \$65.00 per person (attachment was passed out)

Questioning of the stationary times.... Flavor of month. Stewards file a grievance if it's a daily occurrence. Handouts of Section 131 M-39 were handed out. Call hall if you need help with the grievance.

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Columbus Day golf Monday October 14, 10am \$75 per person including skins and will be held at Timber Ridge Golf in Brockport. Contact Monique at the union hall to reserve your spot. 427-2450

### **Death of Members**

Branch 210 lost the following members this month.

Active Carrier Kris Miller (Lexington)

### **Good of the Association**

The members voted to send three members to steward class and pay for their expenses put on by business agent office being held in Syracuse on October 8-10.

The members voted to have the branch spend up to \$4000.00 for office furniture and a computer to have an additional space for the Formal A reps and replace the chairs and desk that are either extremely worn or broken.

The members voted to have a contest to create a logo that would go on convention chair covers and give winner \$200.00. The logo will be submitted by February 1, 2025, and handouts with the logos will be given to bring back to members. The vote will take place at the March 2025 meeting.

The members voted to place a \$750.00 for the IBEW 125<sup>th</sup> commemorative program book

### **The next union meeting is open to all members and is Wednesday**

**November 6, 2024 at 7:00pm in person at the IBEW union hall 2300 East River Road, Rochester, NY**