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Minutes from the General Branch Meeting

June 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by *Exec. Vice President Cruz*

Exec. Vice President Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance

Recoding Secretary Debbie McDowell read the Roll Call of Officers

Resolutions: Ira Kaufman of Kensington Station “**Retired**”

Recording Secretary Debbie McDowell read the minutes from the May 8th meeting. A motion was made by Brother Corwin Carroll^{2nd} by Sister Bea Willis to accept the minutes as read. A vote was held...motion passed.

Secretary Luther McCoy led the branch in prayer for the safety of all during the summer months.

Chief Steward Paul Marks informed the membership that he was settling in well at the Union Office in the GMF and welcomed all visitors. He also stated that since



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the mailing agreement was had ended management was now on ***“their heels”*** which is definitely an advantage for us. Some of the grievance activity for the month was as follows:

- **Adelphi** – 14-day Espoused – cease and desist
- **Bay** - Formal A Decision – Espoused – cease and desist
- Monetary grievances totaling \$14,669.28 with the largest coming out of New Lots station for \$12,247

Secretary Treasurer Luther McCoy gave the branch’s financial report as May 31th as follows:

- **Convention Account** - \$43,707.57 **Dinner Account** - \$10,854.56
- **MDA** - \$3,695.77 **General Account** - \$740,919.02

- Luther also mention that there were 23 paid delegates attending the convention and that there would be a meeting which at that time all attending could pick up their traveling package.

Executive Vice-president John Cruz spoke about the following:

- The branch collected 19,000 pounds of food this year for the food drive. For calender year 2019 he would like a committee of (3) to begin working on collecting food.



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- He thanked “everyone” for coming through and helping out during President Murphy’s absence.
- Update on the fire at Kensington station...Osha had been called in because there was still a odor of smoke in the building.
- On June 9th 7 more CCA’s are being converted to career. Any CCA that is not on a valid “hold down” must report to their bids.
- Proposed area reps are going to be Gary Williams from Homecrest Station and Edwin Pinero from Parkville Station
- The new address to mail grievances to will be:
Brooklyn Letter Carriers
P.O. Box 21
Bklyn, NY 11256
- Phone and fax numbers for Chief Steward Paul Marks at the Bklyn GMF are:
Phone (718) 348-3870
Fax (718) 277-2381
- As of June 18th, all grievance matters should be discussed with Chief Steward Paul Marks or Darren Brudecki
- On June 22nd there will be a special route exam at Bush Terminal station for Truck Rt. 602
- On July 10th there will be a delegate meeting for all those attending the convention. Each delegate will pick a seminar(s) that they are going to attend
- Scholarship Deadline is June 30th
- In President’s Murphy’s absence, Secretary Treasurer Luther McCoy helped tremendously with the day to day affairs as well as the running around for the branch. For this, a motion was made by Brother Izzy Rivera and 2nd by Brother Antoine Murray to pay Brother McCoy an additional \$250 per



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month, as needed, to help cover expenses incurred by him. A vote was held...motion passed.

- A motion was made by Sister Beatrice Willis 2nd by Sister Lisa Colon for the delegates at the convention to be paid \$75 per day for per diem. A vote was held...motion carried.
- Exec. V.P. Cruz informed the membership that the Crown Dental Plan was costing the branch a total of \$36,000 per year(\$3050 per month) for a plan that was underutilized by the members of the branch. A motion was made by Sister Marie Tartaglione 2nd by Brother Joseph Carrisquillo to drop the Crown Dental plan altogether. A vote was held...motion passed. Another motion followed to make a by-law change to drop the member's dues by \$1.25 by Brother Izzy Rivera 2nd by Brother Carmelo LaSalle Jr..A vote was held...motion passed.
- **Director of Retirees George Mignosi** informed the membership of a meeting for retirees being held on August 26th. The reason for the meeting was to:
 1. Listen to any concerns of the retirees
 2. To grow a group of active retirees
 3. Begin to include them **more** in branch activities
- Trustee Steve Mahoney made the trustees report. At the time of this meeting the board was waiting for a few outstanding checks, but otherwise everything was sound.

Brother Kevin Claxton made a motion 2nd by Brother Andrew Peters to draw the
50/50



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\$60 to the winner

White ticket # 356735

The winner was Bob Stein of Coney Island Station

Brothers Antoine Murray and Andrew Peters made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED @ 8:43 PM