

TCU / ARASA 5101 Lodge Meeting

Date: 27 June 2017

President Dennis Deyo opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and with the Association prayer, and called the meeting to order.

Recording Secretary Jerry Johnson conducted roll call. Present were Local and District Officers, General Chairman, Senior Staff and other members. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Brother Brian Spinden and seconded by Brother Bob Tainsh. Motion passed.

FST Shane Lindsey gave the Financial Report. Brother Brian Spinden made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills. Brother John Benson seconded. Motion carried.

President Deyo announced that Al Briones had stepped down as Vice General Locomotive and that Sister Shamaree Buhlig has been installed as the new Vice General Locomotive.

General Chairman Mark Sellers gave his report on charges, investigations, dismissals, and meetings with the Carrier. He also discussed recent incidents and gave the floor to Brother Bob Tainsh to share the particulars of a matter he was involved in. Brother Sellers then covered the 2017 MNPL campaign and thanked everyone for ARASA's high level of participation.

Brother Jody Brown was recognized to ask a question about Rule 27 which was addressed.

VG Car Alan Harris gave his report on claims and appeals.

VG E/S Escal Thornton gave his report on claims and appeals.

VG Locomotive Shamaree Buhlig made her first comments as the Vice General for the Locomotive side. Sister Buhlig gave her report on claims and appeals and responded to a question for Brother Bob Tainsh.

TCU National Rep. Hirschbein reported on the backlog of Arbitration cases and gave specific guidance on writing initial claims. He also addressed the take-over of the CSX Railroad by a hedge fund group and some of the consequences of that take-over as it relates to ARASA members. He recognized Brother John Benson who asked about contract negotiations. Brother Sellers replied that there was no change and Brother Hirschbein elaborated.

Board Chairman Marco Acevedo had nothing new to report.

Member Benefits Spec. Kebra Dinsmore reported that members who are also military retirees are having some problems sickness benefits due to some changes made by the RRB and encouraged anyone having that problem to contact the RRB.

Recording Secretary Jerry Johnson had nothing new to report.

Vice Pres. Bo Brown reported that the 2017 MNPL materials would be e-mailed out to everyone shortly.

New Business:

Brother Jody Brown asked about Holiday job coverage. Brother Sellers replied that if it is a regular work day for a member then a senior member who is on a rest day cannot bump a member off of his regularly assigned position. The incumbent has the right to the holiday work and he must protect that assignment.

Brother Shane Lindsey moved to adjourn and Brother Jerry Johnson seconded. Motion passed and Pres. Deyo adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm CT.

Total attendance in meeting = 39

The next regular Lodge Meeting will be held on July 25, 2017 at 7 P.M. CST.

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