

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Serop Karchikyan. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Ric Roldan and there was a moment of silence for recently departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting, specifically for Doug Cates, retired Santa Clarita carrier. The roll call was answered by twelve officers and stewards in good standing. Margie Smith was introduced to the members and thanked for her meal contribution to the meeting. Newcomers Calvin Rich and Iskui Dermendzhyan from Glendale and Natalie Orange from Tujunga were introduced to the membership. Motion passed to accept minutes from previous meeting, as read (Costanzo/Trieu). Communication was read from NALC Disaster Relief Foundation and NALC Branch 133 thanking our Branch for contributions. Bills were read, motion passed for warrants drawn and bills paid (Siechert/Temblador). Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report, as read (Burskey/Costanzo).

Motion passed to accept the applications for membership from brothers and sisters on the first reading: Salam Alani, Miguel Alonso, Santiago Alvarez, Seol Ah Cho, Stephanie Flores, Erick Kuvituanga, Jorge Tamayo, and Allen Wright (Siechert/Costanzo). **Welcome!**

Carolyn Zorn and Leroy Collier reported on legislative issues addressed during the Washington DC Lobby Trip. Walter Washington reported on health benefit plan changes and on legislative issues pertaining to health benefits and retiree benefits. Rob Burskey gave updates on the Food Drive and displayed this year's t-shirts at a cost of \$15 each.

As Margie Smith exited the meeting, the membership sang "Happy Birthday" in memory of her husband, our Branch member and officer Donald Smith.

Motion passed to accept the following recommendations by the Executive Board: 1) the Branch increase reimbursement amount for Food Drive Day refreshments from \$40 to \$50 per zip code (Burskey/Temblador) and 2) the Costco rebate money be used for MDA fundraising events and any remaining monies left at the end of the rebate year be donated directly to MDA (Costanzo/Burskey).

Branch Raffle Winner (\$50): Larrie Rhodes. Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. (Temblador/Trieu).

Submitted by,



Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer