GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – March 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order via Zoom and in-person at 7:00 p.m. by President Serop Karchikyan. The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Jan Siechert and there was a moment of silence for our departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting. The roll call was answered by thirteen officers and stewards in good standing, including new Glendale Shop Steward, Michael Covarrubias. Motion (Siechert/Trieu) passed to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as emailed and printed for members at the meeting. Thank you card from Glendale retiree, Anna Gallego, was read. Motion (Rich/Lee) passed to waive the reading of the bills as emailed and printed for members at the meeting and warrants be drawn and bills be paid. Motion (Siechert/Lee) passed to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and accept as printed and emailed to members at the meeting. Motion (Lee/Siechert) passed to accept J. Beltran and D. Fisher for membership. WELCOME!

MDA Representative Carolyn Zorn announced a successful yard sale last month and another is set for March 25th/26th at the Union Office. Sister Zorn also spoke on contributing to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF), thanking your Congressional Representative for their support, and that the Social Security Fairness Act (HR82/S597) has been reintroduced. Food Drive Coordinator Rob Burskey asked all to spread the word on May 13th Food Drive and T-shirts are on the way. Motion (Lee/Rich) passed to waive the reading of the audit report and accept as printed and emailed to the members at the meeting, to be printed in the Mail Call. Vice President, Calvin Rich, reported on a grievance and arbitration award from Memphis, TN regarding harassment and violence in the workplace.

Motion passed to accept the following Executive Board recommendations: #1 (Burskey/Trieu) That the Branch pursue a summer picnic at Castaic Lake.
#2 (Siechert/Roldan) That the Branch receive Costco Rebates as income. #3 (Rich/Siechert) Every year, the Branch donate the amount equal to the Costco rebate amounts for the use of the MDA coordinator to fundraise for Muscular Dystrophy.

President Karchikyan reported on the new process of clocking-in/out via scanners, nationwide staffing shortage, and the final COLA in this contract. Reminder of our June drawing for in-person attendance each month. Winner must be present to win. Motion (Siechert/Lee) passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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