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Metro Union Meeting

September 8, 2010

American Legion
Post
533 Amherst St.
Buffalo NY

**10:00 AM and
7:30 PM**

Agenda

Regular Order of
Business



President's Perspective

By: Vincent G. Crehan—President/Business Agent

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. I was hoping to have a contract offering for our Metro employees to consider. Unfortunately, this is not the case. A tentative agreement was reached between management and the Union, management then recommended it to the NFTA Board of Commissioners to get their approval. This is needed so if the majority of you vote the contract in, we can be sure the Commissioners will do so as well. The Commissioners have reviewed the tentative agreement twice, both times

the majority of Commissioners have voted against the agreement. The main reason? They want some or all of you to pay for part of your medical insurance. Be assured, I am doing my best to secure a fair contract for you and your families. Please be patient.

Drivers who receive points at accident review, remember, you can take a safe driving course and reduce the points by 2. You must wait and receive the points from accident review before you can take the course. If you reach a total of 12 points at accident

review, you are not eligible to take the course. You can take the course once every twelve months to receive a 2 point reduction. In addition, by completing the course you will receive a car insurance discount for the next three years. If interested, ask your supervisor to find out what courses are approved.

There is a rumor that Metro will be offering an early retirement incentive for employees represented by ATU Local 1342. Unfortunately this is not true. Although our pension fund is doing better this past year, I'm sure you have seen

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how the stock market and economy in general has plummeted in the last few years. The pension plan cannot afford an early buyout.

To drivers and all employees for that matter, re-

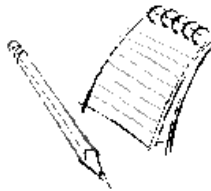
member do not engage in any physical contact with other employees or passengers. Remember, keep a cool head. To let your emotions get the best of you is not worth it.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe.

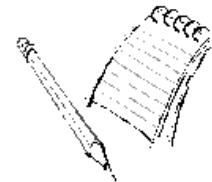


School's back in session. Watch for the kids and school buses. Remember, when you see the yellow flashing lights on the buses, start slowing down before the lights flash red.





Jeff Richardson
Recording Secretary
"As I See It"



Brothers and Sisters:

Many of you have had questions concerning the union meetings of Local 1342. In the By-Laws of Local 1342, it states the union meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Meetings will convene for a period of two hours from the start time of the meeting. Example: morning meeting begins at 10:00 AM, finishes at 12:00PM. It is understood

however, that a motion can be made and seconded to extend the meeting past the designated time for a period of one half hour at a time. A majority vote will carry a sold motion. In addition, any motions that have been made prior to the designated and/or extended finish time must be disposed of before the meeting can be adjourned. There shall be twenty members in attendance to constitute a quorum

for transaction of business. Meetings of Coach USA and Grand Island Transit shall be determined by their individual membership. For the record, make your union meetings; be on time because your voice as well as your vote count.

This month I want to recognize the great job that our ATU Local 1342 Brothers and Sisters are doing at 181 Ellicott. Keep up the good work.



Metro Anniversaries



Alford, Ruthetta	9	Green, Mark	11	Salgado, Robert	10
Angolwisye, Babatunde	9	Guadagno, Gary	32	Santana, Wilfredo	6
Balcom, Robert	24	Harge III, Fred	3	Seiler, James	18
Brach, Albert	35	Harvey, John	8	Shadwick, Jeremiah	10
Carpino, James	24	Inglut, Andrew	24	Shingledecker, Paul	2
Carr Jr., Joseph	26	Jankiewicz, Stefan	17	Skoczylas, Anthony	30
Coleman, Brian	7	Jones, Samuel	5	Spence, Donald	17
Coleman III, Willie	3	Jones, Tamica	7	Tirado, Michael	2
Depczynski, Robert	5	Lonneville, Keith	33	Tower, Jack	2
Deperto, Darrick	5	Lumpkins, Demetrius	2	Walker, James	35
Draper, Tracy	3	Mullen, Jake	9	Webb, Terrell	5
Evans, Demetrius	5	O'Connell, Patrick	24	Wilkes, Toni	2
Farrell, Shaun	3	Olson, John	37	Williams, Joanne	5
Fields, Brenda	9	Owens, Sydney	24	Williams, Deborah	7
Fischer, Gary	1	Paddock, Jonathan	2	Wojcik, John	35
Galarza, Juan	4	Penelton, Lamont	9	Woolford, Marquita	9
Giddens, Cotana	3	Puryear, Shelley	9	Zych, James	8



A Message from **Charlie Sikora** Financial Secretary/Treasurer



I attended the Frontier and Cold Springs summer picnics last month and at each location I had someone come to me with a complaint about the vending machines. They are not stocked fully, the product is not fresh or it takes too long to fix a mechanical problem. I have been on the phone with AVI Food Systems and they have assured me that all of these issues will be corrected. If any union brothers and sisters

have a problem with the vending machines please call me at the union office and I will make sure they are corrected in a timely manner.

Talking about the vending machines brings up another issue that has always bothered me. And that is the Pine Hill coffee trucks that come on to most of our locations. These trucks are operated by non-union employees and unlike our vending machine contract, we do not get a percentage of the profits

they making off our members. The AVI profits go into are Special Purpose Fund which pays for our televisions and cable, pool table repairs, flowers for funerals, and paying member's dues when they are out of work for more than six months. We can't stop these trucks from coming onto NFTA owed property, but if we didn't buy from them they would probably just go away on their own.

Stay safe and drive safe for the children

Aiken, Patra
 Bailey, Reba
 Bailey, Darlene
 Balcom, Robert
 Barr, Joseph
 Bavaro, Cynthia
 Biel, Albert
 Bittner, Charlene
 Blango Sr., Ray
 Boyd, Ledonia
 Brinson, Theodore
 Brown, Dwight
 Burt, Frances
 Cappello, Joseph
 Carter, Robert
 Cee, Larry
 Clark, Kevin
 Coleman, Laquita
 Cotton, Classic
 Craven, Donald
 Cremen, Donald
 Cummings, Robert
 Czaplicki, Chris
 Daruszka, Michael
 Dennis, Jerome
 Draper, Tracy
 Fafara, Michael
 Ferguson, Bryan
 Gajewski, Joseph
 Garrison, Doris
 Golden, William
 Goldsmith, Wanda
 Grimm, Randy



Hahn, Duane
 Holmes, Janine
 James, Kerry
 Jeffords, Kenneth
 Jones, Emory
 Jones, Reuben
 Kanalley Jr., James
 Kelley, John
 Kern, Joseph
 Kubisty, Denise
 Lamarca, Frank
 Levy, Denise
 Loatman Jr., Edwin
 Longo, Peter
 Madden, Brian
 Magera, Barbara
 Maple, Raymond
 Mercado, Michael
 Merritt, David
 Michalek, Mark
 Mullen Jr., Donald

Naples, James
 Omelia, Patrick
 Peters, Joseph
 Poleon, Andrew
 Ramsey, Dwight
 Reid, David
 Riollano, Monserate
 Rivera Jr., Miguel
 Rogers, Daniel
 Rose, John
 Ross, Ronald
 Ross, Ronald
 Rozier, Fred
 Samuel, Michael
 Seay, Tommy
 Semrau, Lee
 Sodano, Christopher
 Strong, Vanessa
 Strong, Timothy
 Sweeney, Andrew
 Taylor, Tracy
 Tomczak, Thaddeus
 Tucker, Lisa
 Vassallo, Thomas
 Wacker, James
 Wagner, Kenneth
 Weber, Brian
 White, Barbara
 Wilczak, Ronald
 Witkowski, Jason
 Zee, Lance

Retired in September

Evan Campbell

Edward Welch

Deceased Members

Leslie Wright—8/25/10

Chester Olen—8/27/10