

National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 421

January 16, 2025

General Branch Meeting

The regular branch meeting of Alamo Branch 421 was held on January 16, 2025, via ZOOM (virtual meeting) and in person. The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Invocation by Burnie Miller

Pledge of Allegiance Jerry Garcia

Motion by Tony Boyd, Marry Pardo 2Nd. To Suspend meeting for special guest speaker

A congressional certificate was given from Toro Martinez, a representative from congressman Cuellar's office to both Darlen Zapata 39 years and Lazarus Kim 30 years for their service to the United States Postal Service. Toro Martinez also invited everyone to congressman Cuellar's swearing in ceremony 10 am on January 27, 2025, at Laredo, Texas city hall.

Motion to bring back meeting to order

Roll Call by Dennis Alltop Recording Secretary, all officers were present.

The minutes for December have been presented, may I get a motion to accept them?
Esteban Ramirez made a motion and Dan Torres 2Nd.

Application for Membership – Vice President Esteban Ramirez

Current membership counts 1,210 plus approximately 3 signed up but not on the roster yet, 498 retirees, 142 Gold Members, and 41 retirees that have not submitted 1189's yet.

Unfinished Business – President Homer Hernandez, the motion that was tabled last month by Ernest Gonzalez, National Gave President the sole authority of ruling on it.
President Hernandez ruled the motion out of order.

New Business – President Homer Hernandez, none

Reports of Special and Standard Committee

Phil Jordan, NECA, Social Recreation spoke on fund raisers for our Fiesta Family Fun Day at Fiesta Texas. Working on getting an updated mailing list. Possibly doing raffles to raise money for giveaways for the family funday.

Dan Torres, AFL-CIO, spoke on The Martin Luther King March January 20, 2025.

Mary Pardo, Retired, Health Benefits, spoke on new NALC Health Benefits Plan. You should have received new cards, get with me if you haven't received your card.

Joe Stevens, Nimitz, spoke about the Dignity and Respect committee.

Good of the Association

Erin McLaughlin AMF spoke about the golf tournament information on the flyer. Early registration is \$100 per person, \$400 a team before January 31. Goes up to \$125 per person and \$500 a team after that.

Louise Jordan, Thousand Oaks, spoke on Angel Tree success and thanked all that helped and participated, also in Timely Messenger.

Raul Reyes, NECA, spoke about carriers from Beacon Hill interested in going to the National Convention, spoke about trustee audit, for October and November, need to be a little more detailed for what they did for the newsletter. December's audit will be presented in January.

Mary Pardo, Retired, made a motion for Christmas gift of \$200 for the branch secretary, and a \$50.00 gift card to the letter carrier too and the T-6 that deliver to the Union Hall. Tony Boyd 2Nd. **(Motion Passes)**

Tony Boyd, Retired, makes a motion to table the motion. Louise Jordan, Thousand Oaks, 2Nd. To table motion for printer contract. 40 for 3 against **(Motion Passes)**

Motion to donate uniforms to Branch's in California, because of the fires. \$5,000 to the disaster relief fund from the Ted Carter Fund, by Dan Torres, Tony Boyd 2Nd. 42 for and 3 against **(Motion Passes)**

Sending four members to Washington, DC for formal A and beyond training and spending \$7,000 out of the \$21,000 that was allocated. Spoke about purchasing laptops and printers. Also spoke about getting a suicide prevention spokesperson coming to speak.

Nancy Feldt, Retired, Manny Peralta is the national organizer for suicide prevention and Louise Jordan is a member of that team too so you might check with them.

Raul Reyes, NECA, spoke about four CCA members interested in going to the convention.

President Homer Hernandez thanked board members for their first year of service also thanked last year's stewards and the new stewards. Spoke about some building upgrades and fixes around the union hall. Route checks coming up and route check class that was given.

Dan Torres, Retired, spoke about the social security fairness act being passed. HR 5995 is the next Bill that we will be working on.

Financial Secretary's Report on Receipts

Jose Rodriguez, Finical Report, motion made by Jerry Garcia, Cornelia Lashley 2Nd. For November and December. October's revised report is not seen. Dan Torres is making a motion to make a friendly Amendment to present October, November and December's corrected finical reports next month. Rigoberto Hidalgo 2Nd

Nancy Feldt, retired, asked about the January finical report. Jose Rodriguez replied we are in January, and that report won't come out until the next meeting.

Ted Carter \$44.50

Rigoberto Hidalgo won the Branch Jacket.

Doug Boethin won dollar part \$24.00

Motion to adjourn Jerry Aldorf Alex Alcora 2Nd. 8:05 pm