



AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION
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THE BAY BREEZE



Next Meeting:

Wed, July 24th

2:00 pm

Gallagher's

2655 W. Mason St.

Green Bay, WI 54304

Food & Refreshments

\$10 Fleet Farm Gift Card
Door Prize

\$100.00 Rolling Jackpot

The union picnic is Sunday August 4, 2024, at Pamperin Park and this will be my last one running the show. We have the big hall, so all show up please. We currently have no scholarship applicants to members in good standing. Good standing are full dues paying members. Retired members who pay \$36.00 a year are retirees and belong to the national retiree chapter. This union will always recognize retired members and welcome them to union picnics and meetings if they wish, but no voice for voting on measures. Once again, the union will give out \$10.00 gift cards for peeps bringing desserts. Please don't just go to Kwik Trip and get 4 cookies, make a good homemade dessert. Retirees always make the best desserts. On the menu we will have pork, hamburgers, brats, sweet corn, veggies and fruit, also a wide assortment of beverages. Pamperin Park is right by work so no excuses not to attend.

When you get hurt at work tell a supervisor and get him/her to sign a piece of paper acknowledging that you got hurt. Enough is enough with supervisors touching working employees -i.e. ripping things out of their hands – THIS IS ZERO

TOLERANCE and the next time it happens DIAL 911, this is assault. Contract negotiations started on June 25, 2024, go to APWU.org for latest updates. Zero tolerance by management should be the biggest priority and I pray the union gets to do the IMIP or investigations when it involves management. Look, this job may not be for everyone, I always say you have 5 years to decide if you want to stay or not, but please make sure you are calling in, a no call -no show is AWOL and looks bad. Try to enjoy the summer although it will be hard with all the senior employees getting mandated every holiday due to management reverting jobs and no PSEs.

In solidarity,

Kelly



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Letters, correspondences, and articles by members and officers are encouraged. Send them to the return address on this newsletter. Articles must be signed by the author and names may be withheld upon request. Opinions are those of the contributors and not necessarily the Union, the Officers, or the Editor.

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STEWARDS

Packerland Drive Office (GMF)

Tour 1

Clerk Chief Steward	Jenny Ewald
Clerk Alternate Steward	Kelly Heaney
Maintenance Chief Steward	Jesse Weber
<u>Maintenance Alt Steward</u>	Sam Fritz, Kelly Heaney, Lance Bouyear, Jesse Weber

<u>Alternate Clerk Steward</u>	Sam Fritz, Kelly Heaney, Christine Bouyear, Brian Conklin
Emily Ewald, Sebastian Zeutzius	

Tour 2

Clerk Steward	Sam Fritz
<u>Clerk Alternate Steward</u>	Kelly Heaney, Jennifer Ewald, Christine Bouyear, Emily Ewald

Customer Service Maintenance Chief Steward	Sebastian Zeutzius
Ekaterina Bouyear	

<u>Alternate Maint Steward</u>	Sam Fritz, Kelly Heaney, Frank Sleik, Lance Bouyear
MVS Chief Steward	Clade Adkins

Tour 3

Clerk Chief Steward	Christine Bouyear
<u>Clerk Alternate Steward</u>	Kelly Heaney, Jenny Ewald, Sam Fritz, Emily Ewald, Sebastian Z.

Maintenance Craft Director	Sam Fritz
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Maintenance Chief Steward	Kelly Heaney
Alternate Maintenance Steward	Kelly Heaney, Lance Bouyear

MVS-VMF

Chief Steward	Clade Adkins
Alternate Steward	Vacant

Cofrin, Hansen, Downtown

Clerk Chief Steward	Dave Sass
Clerk Alternate Steward	Mike Anderson, Kelly Heaney, Jennifer Ewald, Sebastian Zeutzius

DePere Post Office

Clerk Chief Steward	Sheri Beauleau
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Trump Promised Wisconsin Jobs, Biden Actually Delivered Them

Daily Kos

President Joe Biden traveled to Racine, Wisconsin, Wednesday to the future site of a new AI data center, where he announced Microsoft's \$3.3 billion investment in the location. The project is expected to generate 2,000 permanent jobs and 2,300 additional union jobs during construction.

The new facility is a victory for Biden's economic policies and a big boost for the local area, but this specific plant offers a particularly stark contrast because it's being built on the site originally designated for a massive factory for Chinese manufacturer Foxconn. When Donald Trump announced the Foxconn plant in 2018, he called it "the 8th wonder of the world" while promising that it would bring 13,000 jobs.

That did not happen. Now Biden is finally bringing Wisconsin the high-tech facility that Trump promised, but never delivered.

During his 2018 appearance at the Racine groundbreaking, Trump waved a golden shovel and claimed that the site was the result of his 2017 tax cuts and his tariffs on imported steel. "You know, 18 months ago this was a field," Trump said, "and now it's one of the most advanced places of any kind you'll see anywhere in the world. It's incredible." Except it was still only a field—and it has largely remained a field.

Before this new announcement, the site in Racine was mostly empty. The Washington Post reported in 2023 that despite Trump's promises, all that got built was a decorative glass dome and a handful of small buildings that have recently been available for rental as event spaces.

Locals told jokes about the site, which is three times the size of New York City's Central Park. However, the humor was diminished by the roughly \$500 million that state and local governments spent to clear hundreds of homes and farms from the area, bulldoze it flat, and prepare the land for what was to be a manufacturing "mega-site."

The jokes are ending as Microsoft breaks ground on the new facility that will build a data center, expand the tech giant's cloud services, and serve as a research location for AI technologies. The \$3.3 billion the company expects to invest over the next two years is only the first of a series of planned investments. The Microsoft facility is proof that Biden's policies are delivering on Trump's hollow promises.

And that's not just true in Wisconsin: It's also happening in Ohio, where Intel is building a new \$20 billion chip plant. Micron is building new plants in New York and Idaho. The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company is expanding its operations in Arizona with an investment of \$6.6 billion.

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The CHIPS Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are delivering the kind of results Trump, who had no real policy other than imposing tariffs, giving tax cuts to the wealthy, and bragging, never could. In fact, Biden's results are even greater than what Trump promised.

The White House announced Wednesday that private companies have committed to spending \$866 billion on clean energy and manufacturing projects. That's in addition to 51,000 other infrastructure projects.

That means actual jobs for actual people, restoring both technological and manufacturing leadership in the U.S. Because Biden isn't just making promises: He's delivering results.



MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN AREA LOCAL #2247

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Place: Denny's

President Kelly Heaney called the meeting to order at 7:05 am.

A quorum was declared with 11 members in attendance.

Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance and Steven Paradise gave the Invocation.

The following officers were present: President Kelly Heaney, Vice-President Jenny Ewald, Secretary/Treasurer Molly Crevier, Clerk Craft Director Sebastian Zeutzuis, Maintenance Craft Director Samantha Fritz, and Recording Secretary Emily Ewald. Bay Breeze Editor Bill Kabacinski was excused.

Minutes of the April 2024 meeting were printed in the Bay Breeze. A motion was made by Steven Paradise and seconded by Sebastian Zeutzuis to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

The financial report for March was read by Secretary/Treasurer Molly Crevier.

Executive Committee: The e-board talked about finalizing dates for national convention, management not accountable for hours, not punching in and out, zero tolerance needs to be addressed, scholarship for health care conference, and money back from national.

Labor/Management: Items discussed were safety concerns for window clerks particularly downtown station, status on replacing the AED batteries, status on the CPR/First Aid classes, uncleanliness in small offices, parking lot repairs, reverting jobs in Green Bay, there are not placards for all the equipment going out, the speaker/PA system in the back of the plant not working, garbage/old equipment in back needs to be disposed of, status on the door at the employee entrance, broken planks of wood in lane 3 of LCTS needs to be fixed, no guard to stop APCs and Gaylords from running into LCTS, 2 positions on April E-reassign will be filled by 2 converted PSEs, 3 vacant lead clerk positions, women's bathroom stall door needs repairs; management brought up separate OTDL lists for separate locations, and asked that we follow the 16% of window clerks off AL.

Grievance: Job reversion grievances, step 3 on discipline, grievance on registry cage and collection box.

New Members: Micheal Stockwell

Lost Members: Mike Gebelein

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion was held on tickets for Labor Day picnic but want to get out of the Labor council, manager in the back still touching mail, need clerks in back to write down when it happens.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Steven Paradise and seconded by Brenda Ellenson for the local NEWAL to purchase 5 tickets for Labor Day Picnic from the Labor Council. Motion Passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held on National canceled upcoming meeting and want to set up for August or July, lights went out in the plant, so the fire alarms went off, multiple people did not know the plan for when they go off. There was supposed to be a 5-year electrical inspection and WPS was not notified, machines were shut down and they couldn't perform the inspection. Need clerks to write down when you see supervisors doing clerk work. Slips are located in the breakroom.

NEXT MEETING

A motion was made by Jenny Ewald and seconded by Pam Krause to have the next meeting on Wednesday, June 26th at 2:00pm at Gallaghers. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brenda Ellenson and seconded by Sebastian Zeutzuis to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01am.

The \$10 door prize was won by Tobin Sundstrom.

The \$160 jackpot winner was Molly Crevier. Member was in attendance but left early so she will receive half the jackpot.

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Emily Ewald.

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Date: Wednesday, June 26th, 2024

Place: Gallaghers

President Kelly Heaney called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

A quorum was declared with 14 members in attendance.

Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tobin Sundstrom gave the Invocation.

The following officers were present: President Kelly Heaney, Vice-President Jenny Ewald, Secretary/Treasurer Molly Crevier, Clerk Craft Director Sebastian Zeutzius, Maintenance Craft Director Samantha Fritz, Motor Vehicle Craft Director Clade Adkins, Recording Secretary Emily Ewald, and Bay Breeze Editor Bill Kabacinski.

Minutes of the May 2024 meeting were read by Emily Ewald. A motion was made by Bill Kabacinski and seconded by Sebastian Zeutzuis to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

The financial report for March was read by Secretary/Treasurer Molly Crevier.

Executive Committee: The e-board talked about National scheduled to visit in October, keep reverting jobs, what happens when an employee gets sick while in window training, bidding a job with gaining installation, email to all supervisors to not do craft work but started doing mail handler work.

Labor/Management: Items discussed were CPR classes, sink in breakroom needing to be snaked before contracted out, delayed manual letters, LCREM not run for 12 days; getting someone for passports, fire drills need to happen, were going to give a service talk.

Grievance: Grievances on reversions, step 3 on registry cage, grievance on limited duty work.

Discussed a case is going to arbitration.

Discussed the LMOU says you can have 2 people off in bulk mail, and discussed the scholarship and what a member in good standing is.

New Members: Ryan McCrary, Jennifer Buss

Lost Members: Kyle Matz, Micheal Stockwell

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion was held on health plan and retirement, not

giving information on it yet. Union picnic on August 4th was discussed, the budget is \$5,000, at Pamperin Park. The letter carriers and mail handlers were invited but can still extend invitation to Oshkosh. What should be served for food was discussed and bringing dessert for gift card.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Covered in communications.

NEW BUSINESS

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NEXT MEETING

A motion was made by Jackie Kudick and seconded by Kelly Armstrong to have the next meeting on Wednesday, July 24th at 2:30pm at Gallaghers. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

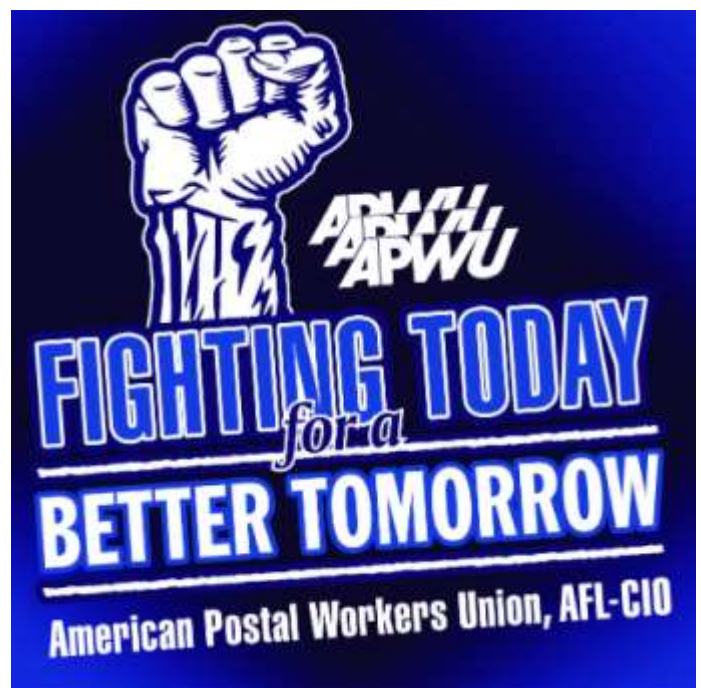
A motion was made by Clade Adkins and seconded by Samantha Fritz to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The \$10 door prize was won by Kelly Heaney.

The \$80 jackpot winner was John Schumacher. Member was not in attendance so will be \$100 at the next meeting.

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Emily Ewald.



Dumpster Fire’: Experts Predict Swing State Ballot Chaos Due to Dejoy’s USPS Overhaul

(Solidarity – Iowa Postal)

Raw Story: A noticeable slowdown in mail delivery by the US Postal Service (USPS) is becoming a significant concern for democracy advocates, as millions of Americans will be voting by mail this year. There’s growing worry about whether mail ballots will be counted in time – particularly in swing states like Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

NBC News reported that Postmaster General Louis Dejoy – a GOP donor who has been in his position since a Republican-controlled USPS Board of Governors put him there in 2020 – is being blamed for mail due to his 10-year restructuring of the USPS. Dejoy’s plan, dubbed “Delivering for America,” involves consolidating all mail-sorting operations to 60 regional distribution centers. The plan’s rollout began in the fall of 2023, and the on-time delivery rate of two-day, first-class mail has since dropped from 90% to 87.5%.

“It’s just a dumpster fire right now,” former USPS manager Leo Raymond told NBC. “If you’re a business, you’re going to be discouraged from using the mail because you want your stuff to actually get there.”

In a letter to Dejoy last month, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) led an effort with nearly two dozen Senate Democrats to publicly condemn Dejoy’s USPS overhaul and its effects on mail delivery. They warned that under the plan, “outgoing mail processing will move hundreds of miles to a regional facility, outside reasonable commuting distance and, in some cases, to another state entirely.”

“Wyoming, Vermont, and New Hampshire are set to lose all outgoing mail processing from within the state,” the letter read. “For communities near facilities under review, it is unclear how local first-class mail will meet its two-day standard while traveling hundreds of miles for sorting. This is especially concerning for Americans who need reliable and expedient mail service to conduct business, pay their bills, receive medications, and stay in touch with loved ones.”

One of the hardest-hit metropolitan areas by Dejoy’s plan is Atlanta, which Leo Raymond described as “a complete house on fire.” According to NBC, the rate of on-time delivery of mail went from 60-70% to roughly 20%. And because President Joe Biden won the state by less than 12,000 votes in 2020 largely due to high Democratic turnout in the Atlanta Metro area, it’s expected that mail-in ballots could play a crucial role in deciding who wins Georgia’s electoral votes this November.

“We’re approaching a major November election,” Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-Texas), who represents parts of Houston, said last month. “We need to make sure that we iron out any difficulties, any obstacles, any barriers, any issues now, so that we don’t end up in a situation much like we were in with the November ballots.”

Louis Dejoy’s tenure at the helm of the USPS may not continue for much longer. In March, Biden nominated former US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh to fill one of the USPS Board of Governors’ two vacancies. If confirmed by the US Senate, Walsh would be the sixth Democrat to sit on the nine-member board. And because Dejoy is accountable to the board rather than the president, the board could theoretically hold a vote to appoint a new postmaster general at any point.

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Steve Hutkins, who runs the Save the Post Office website, told NBC that he hopes mail delays “won’t be a problem” in November as the USPS has in the past implemented special procedures to speed up mail delivery in previous elections. However, he didn’t rule out the possibility of a fiasco in the event of a nail-bitter election.

“If the election is really close and a couple of key states have mail ballot issues, it could be a nightmare,” he said.

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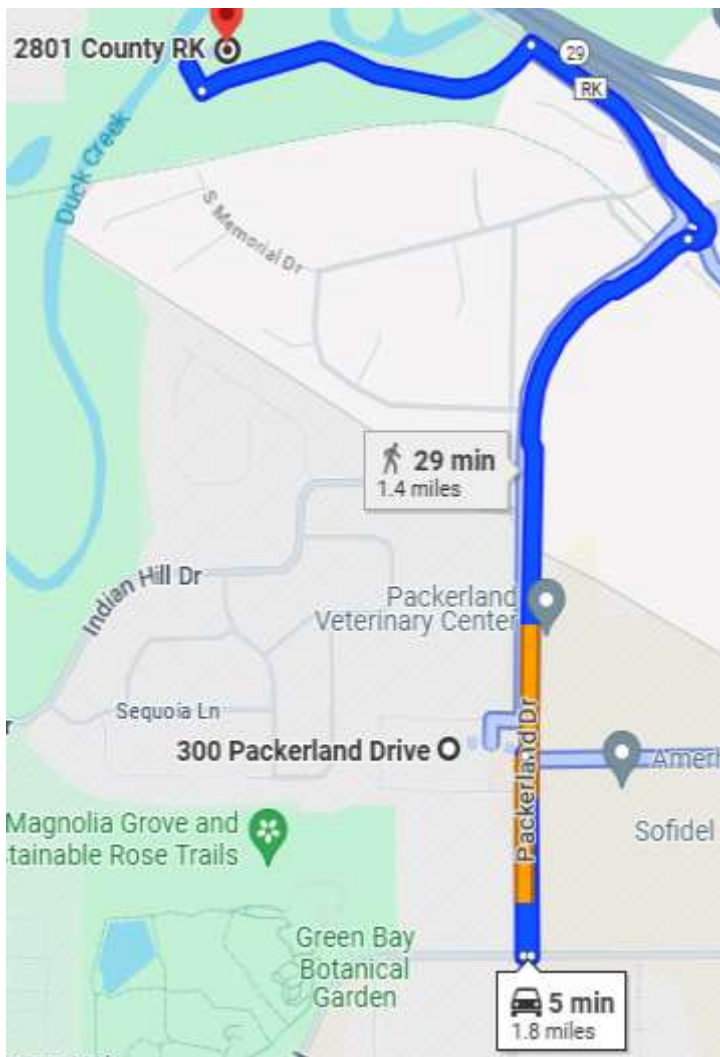
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