

# TCU/ARASA 5101

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Date: October 25, 2011

President Pat Carrow opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and with the Association Prayer, and called meeting to order.

Present were Local Officers, General Chairmen, District Chairmen and other members.

A motion to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes was made by John Blomstedt, second by Paul Pesce. Motion passed.

FST John Blomstedt gave the financial report. A motion to pay the bills was made by Paul Pesce, second by Dennis Deyo. Motion passed.

President Pat Carrow announced the appointment of Brother Escal Thornton to the position of District Chairman Engineering Services for the southern area.

Beginning with the October meeting, the minutes will be available on Lodge 5101 website <http://www.arasa5101.org/>. **The minutes will no longer be mailed out.**

TCU sends weekly updates through email called Flash News. The items of most importance are posted on the Lodge web site. If a member would like to subscribe to Flash News and receive the emails, contact Kevin Gifford at [giffordk@tcunion.org](mailto:giffordk@tcunion.org).

Motion to adjourn by Paul Pesce, second by Dennis Hubbs. Motion carried.

Total attendance at meeting = 24

**VG-Locomotive Terry Levine reported that members who go on leave of absence and are paying seniority retention dues to another organization, you need to check with the respective union. The organization may require you to stay current on your dues while on leave of absence.**

**The next Regular Lodge meeting will be held on November 22, 2011 at 7 P.M. CST.**  
**The number is 1-877-773-7962, id number 563306#.**

**You will need to give your name for introduction.**

Agenda items known at this time for the next meeting will include discussion and/or voting on the following items:

Review of previous meeting minutes

Financial report

Old Business

Reports from General Chairman, Vice-General Chairman Car, Vice-General Chairman ES, and Vice-General Chairman Loco.

New business

To add additional agenda items or to obtain information as to what may have been added during the month, please contact Recording Secretary Mike Gardner at 308-530-5843, or email [mg1995@charter.net](mailto:mg1995@charter.net). Please put "agenda" in the subject line.

Contact your District or Local Chairman for details on any items that you are interested in.

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