

TCU/ARASA 5101 Lodge Meeting

Date: August 27, 2013

President Dennis Deyo opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and with the Association Prayer, and called the 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 Adams, second by Bo Brown. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Shane Lindsey gave the financial report. A motion to pay the bills was made by John Adams, second by David Neff. Motion passed.

Vice-General Chairman-Locomotive David Neff stated that any member confronted with carrier issued discipline should contact their Local or District Chairman before signing any paperwork. Brother Neff also reported that there are a few locations that used to be under Service Unit control and are now under Systems Shop control and subject to the system shop 12 hour and 6 day rule. If local management directs a member to violate this policy, members should document the exceptions and who issued the instructions. David also reported that new insurance cards have been sent to members who are covered by UPREHS. Members should note that Blue Cross and Blue Shield is providing administrative services for the plan.

Vice-General Chairman Mario Sanchez reported that he continues to receive complaints of work rule violations by the carrier however members are not able to provide any documentation. All work rule violations must be documented and reported.

General Chairman Steve Hirschbein reported that many of the carriers vehicles are now equipped with Telematics, which reports various operational conditions of the vehicle. There are currently discipline cases where the company has issued a violation when a vehicle was moved for a period of less than 20 seconds without a seat belt applied. Your vehicle should never be put in gear, much less moved, without seat belts being properly applied to all occupants.

Motion to adjourn by John Adams, second by Bo Brown. Motion carried.

Total attendance at meeting = 38

Vice-General Chairman-Locomotive David Neff urges all eligible members to take full advantage of the carriers 401k matching funds program. David stated that any member who is not contributing the full 6% to their 401k fund is donating the matching funds back to the carrier!

General Chairman Steve Hirschbein reminds all members that proper documentation for contract issues, grievances and claims is needed. **Any claim, grievance or contract violation needs to be supported with facts such as the date or dates of occurrence, times, names etc. to be forwarded to your Local or District Chairman.**

The next Regular Lodge meeting will be held on September 24, 2013 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

It is important to have the correct mailing address for members on file so that they can receive union correspondence. If your mailing address has changed in the past year, please forward address changes to your Local or District Chairman.

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.

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 mq1995@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.