APWU Retiree’s Meeting May 17th 2011

The semi-annual Retiree’s Meeting was held at the APWU hall on Tuesday,

May 17th. Twenty nine members/guests attended with socializing at 10 am.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by President Barb Versteegh with Barb leading with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from previous meeting was read and approved along with the Executive Board minutes and the Treasurer’s report.

Speakers at the Spring Meeting were Kent Strawn and Mike Keller with First Class Credit Union. The topic of this spring was “Getting the Retiree’s Back into using the Services” at the First Class Credit Union. Local media coverage will be ramped up to let all Post Office personell all of the many financial services that the credit union has to offer.

Legislative Report: Local President, Lance Coles spoke about Medicare/Medicaid and how it may impact the retirees. Congress/ HR1351 to restore financial stability of the Post Office, as we’re losing around 23 million dollars a day. Ten years down the road there may not be a US Postal Service as it operates the way it does today. We’re the only Federal Agency that has to pre-pay benefits and we’re the government’s “cash cow”.

Lance also spoke about how credit unions are the “new banks” with people moving back toward using credit unions. Credit Unions offer shared services in all the country. Future online banking and everything will be stored on your phone/money, aka paper money will be obsolete. All paper checks will be a thing of the past and direct deposits, retina scans and palm prints are the future.

Presidents Report:

May is Older Retirees Month

Barb spoke to the attendees, about the Tele Conference calls and how to get the information to us in a timely manner. Examples of the last call were Health Insurance Vouchers of $1500, raising Social Security age to 65, Federal Retirement would go from High 3 to High 5. This was passed in the House but still out in the Senate.

Barb is open for suggestions on how to contact those retirees without computer access to be able to get this type of information to us .

Our lunch was catered by Palmer’s Deli and we have Chris Sarcone to thank for setting lunch for us.

Old Business: None

New Business: APWU Picnic is September 18th all members are invited to attend.

Door prizes of Dahls gift certificates $15.00 Ralph Crowell

 $25.00 Karen Smith

Motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd Weems, seconded by Dennis Kane.

Meeting adjourned at 11 AM

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 20th at 10 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marsha Herman Secretary.