

# Metro Dade Fire Fighters

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## IAFF Local 1403

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, CLC

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## UNION MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2016 (C Shift)

8:00 PM

Firefighters Memorial Building

8000 NW 21 ST

Miami, FL. 33122

### 2017

Dan Cuoco  
Nick Digiacomio  
Lisa Bullard  
Bill McAllister  
Andre Cruzeta(present)  
Sparky Thomson  
Kevin Martin

### 2016

Paul Wolf  
John O'Brien(present)  
Bill Lyster  
Bridget Keating(present)  
Rocky McAllister  
Dale Sutton(present)  
Richie Martin

President Omar Blanco(present)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Brian Lynch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Michelle Steele(present)  
Secretary Maria Chin(present)  
Treasurer Paul Blake

### Call to Order at 8:10PM

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of Silence observed

Guests: Special presentation from Rosanne Calabrese on taking the time to take care of yourself. Author of the book "Cure"

Treasurer's Report: none

Correspondence: Fire Ops 101

Reports of Officers and Committees:

- Omar Blanco – today is primary election day and a good handful of members worked the polls – all members that worked the polls were recognized. Some of the process that we used to get our friends elected is still being worked on. Less than 15% of our members voted in the primary election. In order for us to be successful it will take a commitment from all of our brothers. When we go to Tally there are politicians that are constantly chipping away at our benefits that's why it's important for us to continue to work the polls. We are working on a very aggressive plan for Tally.
- This is the first meeting since Paul Blake's diagnosis, we signed the contract this week with Paul and he had surgery 3 days before. We didn't finish by getting the contract we just began our work and will be prepping for the future.
- Longevity grievance will be coming up soon and the resolve will be for back pay. Any questions see Michelle Steele.
- Thanked Rosanne for her presentation

Unfinished Business:

- **Motion to contract with Enrollment Services to offer Cancer and accident insurance coverage based on approval by counsel and agreement by the department,**

Michelle spoke on company that will provide additional insurances for cancer coverage. If you're diagnosed with any type of cancer you will get an immediate \$5000 to assist with expenses. All State seems to be the best policy. They will be coming out to the stations to explain the policies. Accident and cancer

- **Poker tournament/casino night will be October 21 To benefit Brotherhood committee to help our members**

New Business:

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- **Motion by Chin for L1403 to match donations that Blackheart Extrication team collected from raffle for their Team competition, Second by Gio Abril. Motion adopted.**
- Ray Williams has station 8 coins
- Karen Chambers has Station 5 t-shirts
- Ellen Higgenbotham thanked the Local for sponsoring the golf tournament
- Thank you to Mike Ruiz for working the polls
- Diane Gary asked about any plan on getting more people in fire prevention
- We supported the people we supported as political position on a local level. We supported DWS the issues she had are irrelevant to firefighters issues. She has always been loyal to firefighters, and we have to be loyal to the fact that she has our back when it comes to your pension and other issues.
- We supported the mayor because it's about the relationship that was built and also in getting our contract
- **Motion to use \$250 that's used for the raffle and to use it for food that's served to the membership, Second by Ray Williams. Motion adopted.**
- **Motion by Mark Fabian that we purchase the book Cure written by Rosanne Calabrese for every fire station at a cost of no more than \$8.00 per book, Second by Bridget. Motion adopted.**

## Good and Welfare:

- Socks for sale at the Local for Pediatric Cancer awareness month that is authorized for the month of September
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kegs and Eggs will be held September 24, 2016
- Jacquie Neetz discussed that members will be getting phone calls in reference to workmans comp cases that have been identified as being wrongly calculated that could be as old as 10-15 years.
- Brewery called Lincoln's Beer Brewery opened up close to Station 3 and there will be a special edition brew called Big Red – all proceeds will be going to Stephen Siller foundation and will be debuting on September 9 – 11, 2016.
- Indy Morgado BBQ event scheduled for November 12, 2016 at the Union Hall.

**Motion by John Soeder to adjourn by at 2155; Second by Karen Chambers. Motion adopted.**

In Unity,  
Maria Chin, Secretary  
IAFF Local 1403

**Next meeting is September 27, 2016 8:00 PM (C Shift)**