Branch 56 General Meeting Summary

Branch 56 held its general meeting on November 5, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:31 p.m. The previous meeting's minutes and the current bills were approved. Seven new members were accepted: Jessica Richardson, Logan Loftis, Shantel Thurber, Corteisha Mckinney, Michael Nowak, Richard Lieban, and Genesis Solano.

The roof leak has been repaired, but the approximately 40-year-old roof will need replacement. Joe Noel will obtain bids. Plans were also discussed for the December 12 Christmas party. Members approved $1,000 for a DJ, $400 for a photo booth, $3,500 for incidentals and gifts, and a $10 charge for each guest. A professional photographer will also attend.

Newsletter articles are due December 1 and should be emailed to branch56.newsletter@gmail.com. Trustees still need to complete inventory before renting a dumpster, possibly after the first of the year.

The incoming National Executive Board was announced: James Henry, president; Corey Walton, executive vice president; Mark Camilli, vice president; and Walt McGregor, NBA Region 6. (Complete list on NALC website) Members approved renting the union hall to the UAW for one hour each month. The motion to publish summarized meeting minutes in the newsletter, excluding financial information, did not pass.

Service topics included annual leave instructions, labor-management discussions, bullying and harassment, PS Form 1767, employee statements, sample Form 1571s, and FFV training, which remains on hold. Health-benefit materials are available, and open season runs from November 9 through December 14. The NALC Health Benefit Plan will coordinate with OWCP and cover medical bills. (The only plan that does this)

The 50/50 raffle raised $76, split equally between MDA and winner Brian Knight. Jamie Nichols won the Tupperware prize, and Tyson Nayback won the heat packs. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.