

August 2020

MEETINGS

Executive Board 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday August 11, 2020

Membership 7:15 p.m. Tuesday August 11, 2020

Local 1351 expects all Union Members to attend this and every meeting of our Union.

I.L.A. 1351 Report of Officers

Business Agents

We are proud to announce a new phone system coming soon! This change will take us into the 21st century with VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) technology. The benefits include better service reliability day-to-day, connection even during disasters and outages, and best of all a 40% cost savings compared to our current and outdated phone system. Our phone numbers and recorder number will remain the same, and our dispatch/call-out system will not be affected.

We strive to fill all jobs efficiently, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Keep in mind that unanswered calls from the business agent delay the call out process. It is important to keep the business agent updated on your availability if you will be unavailable for a period of time or wish not to work. Utilize “will-call” when you are unsure of when you can work. Remember that you will not lose your spot on the board by doing so. Also, remember to avoid calling the B.A. while we are calling out work (10:10am-11:30, 4:30-5:45, and after 7:00pm). This will assist in getting everyone to the jobsites in a fair and reasonable amount of time, especially with extra time needed with changes due to the pandemic.

Stay safe and healthy! – ***Your 1351 Business Agents Paul Johnson and Corey Robicheaux***

Secretary Treasurer Cooper

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The accounts of the Local are in good standing. I am always looking to save money on current bills to create available funds to add services that the local may benefit from. We have recently lowered our life insurance premiums to match our Local Union Constitution and that has given us the opportunity to add Union liability insurance to protect the Local from litigation. Training classes at WGMA are now open but with limited space available. Please call the Union Hall if you have a certification expiring. Also go to www.ilal351.org and click the “Training” tab for Online Hazmat classes. I have been regularly updating the training calendar on the website.

Yours Truly,

Jarvis Cooper

Vice President Williams

I.L.A. 1351 Team,

These past couple of months have been hectic and above all frustrating to say the least but I want to commend everyone in 1351 for the way we have handled this adversity. Understand we will get through this together and be stronger for it. I will be quick and just want to hit a few topics we as Officials/Executive Board

have been working on for the betterment of our Union.

First, I want to thank sister Alesia Moss for giving us the connection to be able to get hand sanitizer to create care packages when it was so hard to come by. I hope everyone has noticed the benefits and usefulness of having the automatic text messaging system (One Call Now). Having the ability to reach all workers with updates and news about our industry and Union has been amazing!

Second, we have taken this time to perform some necessary updates to our building like fixing lights in the meeting room and in bathrooms as well as pressure washing the outside of the building.

Lastly, I would like to give an update regarding the By-Law Committee. We have only had 1 meeting since Covid-19 started but have made excellent progress as we will start on Article 15 of the Constitution when meetings resume. Our goal is to break up each section and explain the changes to the membership before there is a vote to make the process as easy and transparent as possible.

Dedication, hard work and integrity are what we stand for!!

In Solidarity,

Bill Williams Jr

President Lewis

Sisters and Brothers of I.L.A. 1351,

It is a true privilege and honor to serve you as president. This has been a very difficult year as we have had to confront the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic head on. Unfortunately, to keep our members and families safe, we have not had a meeting since March 2020. The executive board has done an outstanding job in mitigating our financials during this crisis. We welcome any member in good standing the opportunity to review the financials. This virus has impacted each one of us differently. Currently our man hours are down from a year ago and we see a need to start putting a plan together to address potential shortfalls as we approach the end of our contract year.

We have seen more of our brothers and sisters from locals 28, 24 and 1351 test positive for COVID-19 or must quarantine because of contact with an infected individual. We have secured and distributed care packages consisting of hand sanitizers, masks, and gloves and we have refills available at the Union hall. We will have another distribution campaign in the upcoming weeks. We must do our part to stay safe and help in the prevention of the spread of this virus. Please remember to follow the recommended advice of wearing a mask and washing our hands as often as possible.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the office, or reach out to one of us via cell or text. Remember, we are here to assist and serve you. We must continue to work together to address the needs and concerns of ILA Local 1351. Although this pandemic is far from over, you can count on the executive board, the official staff and myself to remain focused and continue to work for the priorities of our members. May God continue to bless you and your love ones.

Respectfully,

Charles Lewis

UNION DUES 2020

**We now accept Union dues online at www.ila1351.org.

New Member - \$80 (\$60 initiation fee/\$20 per year)

Existing Member - \$20 per year

NEWSLETTERS NOW AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

The Voice of 1351 newsletter is available by e-mail. To begin receiving the newsletter via e-mail instead of by U.S. Mail you will need to send an e-mail to the Local's e-mail address info@ila1351.org stating what return e-mail address you request it be sent. This will help reduce the Local's mailing expenses and time needed for future mailings.

Requests will only be honored by email.

RETIRED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following members that have retired in 2020: Turner McLain, Randy Keen, Larry Breaux, Andrea Gardner, Mike Cherry and Frank Ardila.

“When you stop living at work and start working at living”

Happy Retirement from I.L.A. 1351!!