

CARTON 10: 17 THE BROTHERHOOD of SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

Ladies Auxiliary minutes notebook

1939

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Minutes.

Feb. 3, 1939.  
1718-7th St.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nelson our organizer at the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters headquarters at 1718-7th Street at 8:45 A.M. There were eleven present. The prayers were said by eight (8) of those present, and Mrs. Parker sent her in. Before the temporary officers were elected, Mr. B. I. took the floor and explained just why he had called us together. He explained the struggle that the Brotherhood had before they were strong enough to become a union.

On the 25th of August the union was formed. The Brotherhood the papers were signed. He also went up cases for us to see just how the Brotherhood Union is behind every member, and makes the Porter a real human being, instead of



~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~auxiliary~~ ~~is~~ ~~really~~ ~~a~~  
~~night~~ ~~club~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Brath-~~  
~~road~~, ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~help~~ ~~the~~  
~~Porters~~ ~~get~~ ~~what~~ ~~is~~ ~~com-~~  
~~ing~~ ~~to~~ ~~them~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~  
~~of~~ ~~making~~ ~~shorter~~ ~~her~~ ~~per~~  
~~month~~.

Temporarily officers were  
appointed by those present,  
after Mr. Kellum read  
the rules and by laws  
of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. H. Williams was  
voted Pres. by voice.

Mrs. B. Young was  
voted Vice Pres. and  
Mrs. B. Clayton was  
voted Sec. - Treasurer, all  
were voted by voice.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. of  
each month were  
also voted upon as  
meeting nights.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping  
Car Porters Headquarters  
was elected as our  
headquarters for our meetings.



# Member Ship List

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- Mrs R. Mathews Pres - 3031 - Doherty St.  
 ✓ " B. Young Vice - 356 - Peralta St  
 ✓ " D. Williams Sec - Treas - 1403 - Ward St  
 ✓ " Van. Harry Cha - Sick Com - 1081 - 8th St  
 ✓ " J. H. Lowe Edu - Com - 948 Chestnut St  
 ✓ " Mollie Congham 3914 Lusk St  
 ✓ " Ida Miller 987 - 57 St Oak  
 ✓ " Rosetta Lewis 1010 - Kirkham - St  
 ✓ " Helen Crenshaw. 974 - 38 St. Oak -  
 ✓ " Willa Parker - Chaplain 1911 Chestnut St  
 ✓ " Dorothea Benjamin 356 Peralta St  
 ✓ " Georgiana Thompson 346 - 32nd Ave. San Francisco  
 ✓ " J. W. Hunt 2825 Acton  
 ✓ " R. L. Banks 1382 - 11th St  
 ✓ " Gertrude Ragland 1511 - Fairview  
 ✓ " R. D. Nuttall 2026 - Chestnut St  
 ✓ " J. E. Bonner H. 2780 927 - Magnolia St  
 ✓ " Eva Mae Good 1388 - 9th St.  
 ✓ " C. D. Williams 23106 E. 5th 1709 - Chase St  
 ✓ " Georgia McCane 1226 - 8th St  
 ✓ " R. Inman 7333 1175 - 30th St

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March 3, 1939

1716-7 St.

Oakland, Calif.

The ~~second~~ meeting of the new auxiliary to the B. S. C. P. in Alameda County was opened by Dorothy Williams giving a resume of the organization of the new auxiliary to date.

Minutes of the opening session were read, discussed, and accepted. The offices of temporary president, and secretary-treasurer were announced vacant because of resignation of temporary elected officers.

Mr. <sup>C.L.</sup> Dellums, international vice-president of Brotherhood related the history and activities of the Brotherhood as well as its present status, and its close relationship with the Pullman Co. Perhaps his most impressive story was the one illustrating the respect that the Co. has for the Brotherhood, and the corresponding lack of respect for non-union men. Mr. Dellums reminded the Auxiliary that before the Brotherhood, porters were considered a mechanical part of the pullman car = that before the B. S. C. P. the pullman porter had no right a white man must respect. And finally that membership dues are no more than insurance for their jobs with the Pullman Co.



Aug 18- 1939  
1716 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Oakland Calif.

The Ladies Aux to the B.S.C.P.  
was called to order by its pres- Mrs Grace  
Matthams. Song and Prayer by the Chaplain  
Willie B. Parker. Minutes of the previous  
meeting was read by Acting Sec. C. Young  
and approved. The pres- made a short talk  
in behalf of giving space for the speaker  
Mrs Helena Wilson. Who was introduced  
by Bro Dellums. She talked at length  
She told of many interesting things that  
was a help to the aux. She also explained  
parts of the Constitution as how it  
should be carried on. Bro Dellums talked  
again concerning the Brotherhood and  
its progress since the agreement.  
Our other guest for the evening was  
Rev. (Mrs) Sils. She made a short  
talk. The pres- announced her Resignation  
Effective Aug 18. We had in attendance  
30 including some of the Brothers  
we were very happy to have them  
in our midst. Among this  
attendance five joined and paid joining fees  
twelve members were present

over



January 30, 1940  
1716 - 7th St.

Oakland

Meeting opened by Ardella Nutall. Brother Dellums was asked who should correctly serve as chairman of executive board. ~~The~~ Sister Nutall announced that Sister George Matthews was elected at an earlier meeting, and requested that she serve permanently unless there were further suggestions. Pep and inspirational talk to members by Sister Nutall. Members present were sisters Nutall, Matthews, Young, Williams, Baker, Parker & Martin. Sister Nutall asked Brother Dellums to speak. Brother Dellums announced ~~th~~ that Brotherhood is now getting ready for new conference on new proposals for new agreement for Brotherhood. Protecting the Brother under the present agreement & working ~~to~~ plans for the new agreement is the full time job now. Tribute has been paid to Brotherhood here in that brothers get better treated here than in any other place in the country. Office of Pullman Co. here treats extra men with more fairness than at any other district office. Situation resulting from contract discussed - how some brothers attempted to take advantage of it, & how certain officials repented the contract. Now both halves are becoming acclimated to the contract and ~~how~~ the way ~~works~~ ~~paters~~ end