

June Ruszala-Martin | Secretary



Minutes of the Meeting

April 6, 2016

Quorum: (22) members were present. A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Charles Pendola and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Communications:

A letter was received from President Joseph Mahon of the CT State Association of Letter Carriers asking the branches what type of training they would like to see the State Association schedule with the NBAs office. President Daniels sent Joseph Mahon a letter with a couple ideas including Local Negotiations and Web Page training to be set up and paid for by the NBAs office.

New Business:

- ◆ President Daniels will be speaking with a web page business soon to see what it will cost and what it would involve in setting up a web page for the branch. President Daniels has put out the call to all members twice in the newsletter and via the stewards looking for someone to develop a web page for the branch and we have still found no one.
- ◆ The stewards will be receiving Food Drive letter openers tonight for all active carriers. The openers will be given out to the carriers during the standup talk for the food drive which is May 14th. All stewards were to also be provided a copy of how the CCAs should be provided uniforms once they have passed their probationary period.
- ◆ A motion was made by David Adeyemi, second by Norman St. Arnauld and passed to fund a quarterly Stewards' meeting with Branch 86 in June.
- ◆ A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Gary Amidon and passed to fund stewards and officers wanting to attend the NBA RAP Session in April with National President Fred Rolando.
- ◆ On Sunday April 17th a memorial service for former Branch 20 Vice President James Chiaverni will be held. Several of the branch officers and stewards will be in attendance.
- ◆ COLCPE flyers, now known as Letter Carriers Political Fund, have gone to the printers for the Branch 20

annual "This May, Make a Difference" drive. The members should see the mailing in the first part of May. Branch 20 is the number 1 branch for COLCPE collections for 2015 in the state.

◆ FFS will be going into Danielson, Portland, Thomaston and East Hampton on or about April 2nd. All carriers in those offices were sent a letter by President Daniels explaining what FFS is all about.

◆ The branch held its first CCA class in Meriden. Seven offices were invited with 5 offices having CCAs attend the class. Charles Pendola and Argient Kala gave the class with some words from President Paul Daniels. The class was 2 hours long with a question and answer period following. The next area where the class will be given for CCAs will be Norwich and then Waterbury. Two of the biggest questions was how to get their uniforms and working amazon Sundays.

Treasurer's Report was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Philip Trahan and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Charles Pendola and passed.

May 4, 2016

Quorum: (18) members were present. A motion was made by Tim Thibault, second by Charles Pendola and passed to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed.

Communications:

A letter was received from Branch 86 requesting a donation for their annual MDA Golf Tournament. A letter was received from Branch 46 of Western MA requesting a donation for their annual MDA Golf Tournament. A letter was received from our Business Agent on Retirement Training. The NALC has created a new comprehensive Retirement Training program which is suitable for all letter carriers considering retirement and their spouses. If the branch is interested we should contact the Business Agent on receiving this training. The Hartford Yard Goats has called the branch and sent a letter about a possible Organized Labor Night. They will put on a presentation at the June 15th Joint Steward's Training class.

New Business:

- ◆ A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Tom Sagnella and passed to share in the expenses with Branch 86 to hold a Joint Training program for all stewards and officers.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Charles Pendola and passed to make a donation of \$100 to Branch 86 and Branch 46's MDA Golf Tournaments.

◆ The Food Drive is May 14th and pins for the window clerks and carriers will be handed out following this meeting. All materials for the stand-up talk have gone out to the offices. The Union will provide \$2 per active carrier for food the day of the Food Drive.

◆ The branch did not do anything for MDA last year so we are putting together a MDA Bowl-a-thon for this June. Vice-President John Daniels is working with MDA and the Berlin Bowling center to hold this event. The donation in order to bowl as many games as you want will be \$50 per bowler. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Charles Pendola and passed to spend up to \$1,500 to cover part of the cost of sponsoring the Bowl-a-thon.

◆ The Branch held 3 different training classes for our CCAs. They were held in Norwich, Meriden and Waterbury. Thank you to Argjent Kala and Charlie Pendola for helping put the classes on.

◆ The New England RAP session was held in Providence, RI with many of our stewards and officers attending. That same afternoon a memorial service was held for former Vice-President James Chiaverini in Cromwell, CT that was attend by President Paul Daniels, Vice-President John Daniels and several officers, stewards and carriers.

◆ The Branch's annual Letter Carrier Political Fund mailing went out to all members of the branch both active and retired. CCAs can sign up to do automatic deductions through payroll. Anyone needing help signing up can call the Branch, see your steward or call Charles Pendola, steward of Mystic.

Treasurer's Report was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Tim Thibault and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as printed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Charles Pendola and passed.

June 8, 2016

Quorum: (19) members were present. A Motion was made by Norm St. Arnauld, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to accept the May minutes as printed.

Communications:

Letter from Torrington carrier Eric Kriebel with enclosed Letter Carrier Political Fund check and a thank you to President Daniels for, "...all you do for the Union members of Br. 20." Memo from NBA with a list of offices that the USPS is expanding testing to for customized delivery including in Branch 20 Meriden, Norwich, Uncasville, Jewett City, Moosup, Mystic, Pawcatuck, New London, Waterford, Old Saybrook, Southington, Plantsville, Groton, Willimantic, Storrs, Danielson and Vernon. Letter sent to Ron Watson, Director of Retired members with enclosed checks totaling \$2,825 from Branch 20 members for our May Letter Carrier

Political Fund drive. Letter from NALC advising that a grievance moratorium will commence on August 7 and conclude on September 6th.

Letter from Mount Carmel School thanking the Branch for its \$50 donation to the school in memory of deceased Meriden retiree Anthony Gavagni.

New Business:

◆ The Letter Carrier Political Fund drawing was held with retiree Kenneth Morris from our Pawcatuck office winning first prize of \$300 and active carrier Patricia Pearce from our Groton office second prize of \$200.

◆ VP John Daniels gave an update of the MDA Bowl-A-Thon scheduled for June 12th. With only eight carriers responding to bowl the bowl-a-thon was cancelled. Motion then made by John Daniels to donate money allotted for expenses for the bowl-a-thon to MDA, second by David Adeyemi and passed.

◆ Motion made by David Adeyemi, second by Phil Trahan and passed to purchase the prepay oil contract for the Union office @ \$2.19 per gallon.

◆ President Daniels discussed the recent NALC Food Drive advising that the Branch collected 141,786 pounds of food that was a decrease of 35,480 pounds from last year. Yolanda Velez-Ruberte and June Martin expressed interest in working to increase next year's totals.

◆ President Daniels discussed setting up Branch 20's Web site. Motion made by Phil Trahan, second by David Adeyemi and passed to hire IGRAFIX to set up and help maintain a Branch 20 Web Site.

◆ President Daniels discussed the upcoming NALC Retirement Seminar to be held jointly with Branch 86 in Meriden on June 26th. Letters of invite were sent to all active carriers with 29 years of service or more along with a notice posted on all carrier bulletin boards.

◆ President Daniels discussed the upcoming joint officers and stewards training class to be held in Meriden on June 15th. RAA Jerry Ugone will make two presentations along with Presidents Daniels and Willadsen.

◆ President Daniels discuss providing new headers on top of Branch 20 bulletin boards in each office to include phone number, fax number, e-mail, web site, etc. Motion made by Phil Trahan, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to purchase 32 headers for Branch 20 bulletin boards.

◆ Motion by Norm St. Arnauld, second by David Adeyemi and passed to suspend the July and August union meetings.

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