

June Ruzzala-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.

