

# June Ruzsala-Martin | Secretary



## Minutes of the Meeting

**March 7, 2012**

**Quorum:** (19) members were present. A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari second by John Gara and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

**Communications:**

A memo was received from the Business Agent informing the branch that they will be a Regional RAP Session on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:**

◆ Kathy Heltke discussed the upcoming MDA Bowl-A-Thon scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. President Daniels discussed the National Food Drive which is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held on spending over \$2,000 for T-Shirts for the food drive. A discussion was held on ways to increase the amount of food collected this year. A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Barbara Meadors and passed to purchase pens and pastry for the food drive stand-up talk.

◆ Sixty-four Branch 20 members have or will reach 25 years of membership in the NALC in 2012. President Daniels mailed each one a letter of congratulations along with a NALC 25-year pin and an engraved Branch 20 pen.

◆ President Daniels has been working on identifying our 50 year Gold Card Members. There appears to be forty-four members who qualify this year. Gold Cards will be requested from NALC Headquarters for them and hopefully many will be presented at our annual retiree breakfast in October.

◆ This year's COLCPE Drive was discussed. A motion was made by John Gara, second by David Adeyemi and passed to fund the mailing for the COLCPE Drive and to have a drawing with four cash prizes.

◆ A motion was made by Pete Fornaciari, second by Philip Trahan and passed to pay expenses for up to ten stewards or officers to attend the Regional RAP Session.

**Treasurer's report** was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Linda Flood-Doms, second by Steven Drysdale and passed to accept the report as printed.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Pete Fornaciari and passed.

**April 4, 2012**

**Quorum:** 11 members were present. There was no quorum.

**Communications:**

Letter from Tom Sullivan, USPS manager operations support was read stating that route inspections were to be held in

Waterford and Mystic starting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Letter from CSALC State President Chuck Page was read asking carriers to attend a rally on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Senators Lieberman and Blumenthal's Hartford offices.

**Old Business:**

Discussion was held on NALC National Food Drive expenses. It was decided that the cost of advertisements in newspapers for the Drive in all of our offices was not cost effective. The members present agreed by consensus that the Branch would not purchase newspaper ads or T-shirts for the Food Drive.

**New Business:**

◆ The members present agreed by consensus to have the Branch pay for lost time, mileage and lunch for the officers and stewards to attend the quarterly stewards' meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

◆ President Daniels reported that the Branch 20 MDA Bowl-A-Thon on March 25<sup>th</sup> netted \$3,891 for MDA.

◆ President Daniels advised that the New Milford office is in the process of excessing one regular carrier who is going in lieu of the junior regular to Torrington and that the excessing that was scheduled for two carriers from Waterbury has been rescinded.

◆ Sixty-day reviews in Watertown/Oakville are being completed following FSS adjustments with at least eight hours being restored to office.

◆ Middletown caser/deliverer test will have run for six months at the end of April and is tentatively scheduled to end at that time.

◆ Grievances have been filed in all offices where there are residual vacancies and PTFs in the office. To date all grievances on the issue have been impassed.

**Treasurer's report** was hand out to the members present.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 7:40 pm.

**May 2, 2012**

**Quorum:** 15 members were present. A motion was made by John Gara, second by Norman St. Arnauld and passed to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed.

**Communications:**

A letter from USPS to APWU was read notifying the APWU that the USPS intends to excess 380 employees from the Southern CT plant in Wallingford. NLRB charge against Branch 20 filed by non-member Rebecca Lojewski was read.

