

June Ruzsala-Martin | Secretary



Minutes of the Meeting

September 2, 2015

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

Communications:

A letter was received from Director of Retired Members, Ron Watson thanking the branch for the generous contribution as a result of our 27th Annual COLCPE Drive. This year's drive resulted in \$17,350 being collected from 90 active carriers and 95 retired members. A notice was received from National informing the branches that the NALC has entered into a voluntary agreement with OLMS to conduct a new election for the position of NALC Director of Retired Members under OLMS supervision. The new election will take place in September and October 2015. An audit of the Branch 20's books was held on September 2, 2015. Trustees Jolanda Velez-Ruberte and Mike Maddalena found all the books to be in good order. A notice was received informing branch presidents that the fall 2015 COP meeting will be held September 20th & 21st in Jacksonville, FL. The registration fee is \$75 and room rates are \$115 per night.

Old Business:

The branch voted to send and pay expenses for up to 2 carriers who are interested in attending the NALC advance steward training class. The class was still being put together in the early summer and has now opened up to applicants. David Adeyemi and Charles Pendola have submitted their names to the NALC. Applicants will be chosen on a first come first serve basis. An exit interview by the Department of Labor in July with President Daniels and Treasurer Norm St. Arnauld was held to go over the audit of the Branch 20's books. The Department of Labor review found all books to be in very good order and that all requirements of Branch 20's by-laws were followed. The audit did determine that the President and Vice-President were being paid less salary than the Branch 20's by-laws required. A written report will be forthcoming.

New Business:

- ◆ Article 12 (withholding) has been lifted in the area. Letter carrier positions are no longer frozen and we will have some CCAs being promoted in Groton, East Hampton, Torrington and Watertown. The vacant positions have to be posted on E-Reassign for 21 days.
- ◆ A motion to send President Paul Daniels to the COP meeting on September 20 & 21st and pay all expenses was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Chris Jolly and passed.
- ◆ The retiree breakfast will be held on October 4, 2015. A motion was made by Tom Sagnella, second by Mike Maddalena and passed to purchase up to \$500 worth of door prizes, to pay for the retirees' breakfast, to pay for jackets for the retirees and to have guests pay \$15 for a ticket.
- ◆ Holiday gifts for the active carriers was discussed. The cost would be up to \$15 per active member and will be voted on at the October meeting.

- ◆ President Daniels had several inquiries on uniforms for the CCAs. Seems as though management was having problems getting the uniform allowance authorized. President Daniels had the Poom send an email to all offices with clear instructions on getting the allowance authorized and how to purchase the uniforms for CCAs.

- ◆ A motion was made by Mike Maddalena, second by Chris Jolly and passed to pay the bill of \$444 to have the office building cleaned and to pay an estimated of \$700 to clean the air ducts of mold in the entire building.

- ◆ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Chris Jolly and passed to have the union building cleaned annually. **Treasurer's report** was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Mike Maddalena and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as printed.

Good of the Association:

Steward David Adeyemi advised that Waterbury carrier and retired member Alan Lacombe recently passed away.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by John Rich and passed.

October 7, 2015

Quorum: (23) members were present. A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Communications:

Steamatic, the company who cleaned the air ducts in our office building, sent us a thank you note for choosing them for our cleaning needs and if we refer a friend or family member to them they would send us a \$25 gift card.

Old Business:

Holiday gifts for the active carriers was discussed and it was been decided to purchase coolers for the carriers this year. A motion was made by Philip Trahan, second by Charles Pendola and passed to spend up to \$15 per active carrier for a holiday gift.

New Business:

- ◆ Some of our retired members have asked President Daniels if they could get the pocket calendars that the active carriers get each year. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Tom Sagnella, second by Brian Carroll and passed to purchase pocket calendars for both active and retired carriers.
- ◆ A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Jolanda Velez-Ruberte and passed to pay lost time, mileage, lunch and a holiday gift for the stewards' and officers' meeting to be held on December 16th.
- ◆ Election season is upon us and President Daniels handed out a list of what Letter Carriers can and cannot do during the election season based upon the Hatch Act.
- ◆ The Department of Labor has finally finished a 6 month review of the Branch financial records and has found that the President and Vice President are being paid less than what the by-laws call for. Norman St. Arnauld, John Daniels and Paul Daniels as a committee will review our by-laws and amend them as necessary and they will be brought to the November meeting for discussion. The audit by the DOL was further discussed. President Daniels thanked Secretary