

## September 7, 2016

**Quorum:** (19) members were present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Charles Pendola and passed to accept the minutes of the June meeting.

### **Communications:**

A thank you note was received from Veronica and Mark Gavagni thanking the branch for the donation made in the memory of their dad "Tony." A letter was received from Ron Watson, Director of Retired Members, thanking the branch for the generous contribution as a result of our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Letter Carrier Political Fund in May.

### **New Business:**

- Five Branch 20 delegates, including June Ruzsala-Martin, Norm St. Arnauld, Kate Tavernier, David Adeyemi and President Daniels attended the National Convention in LA the week of August 13<sup>th</sup> along with approximately 5,000 delegates from across the country. They attended all the sessions, many morning and afternoon classes and returned home on Friday leaving the hotel at 4 am and landing in CT at 6:30 pm. They represented branch 20 proudly and thank you for the opportunity to attend.
- Waterbury zones 2, 6 and 8 totaling 44 routes will have full route inspections beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> for two weeks. VP John Daniels and President Daniels have been preparing route inspection training for the past week and will be presenting a class at the Waterbury VFW on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- The Retiree Breakfast will be held on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are 18 newly retired carriers and at least 4 fifty-year carriers who will be honored at the Breakfast. A motion was made by Argjent Kala, second by Charles Pendola and passed to fund the Retiree Breakfast at a cost of \$15 for guests, \$5 for active carriers, free for retirees and to spend up to \$500 for door prizes.
- A discussion was held on the purchase of holiday gifts for all active branch 20 members the amount to be voted upon at the October union meeting. Last year we spent \$18 per member on a cooler. A discussion to spend up to \$20 per active carrier was held. We are looking for some ideas for this year.
- Charles Pendola made a motion to purchase 2017 pocket calendars for all Branch 20 members, second by Kate Tavernier and passed.
- Over the past 2 months the following changes have occurred: Jerry Winzer resigned from the positions of Assistant Sec/Tres and steward from Middletown. President Daniels has appointed Gregory Gomes as steward in Middletown and the Assistant Sec/Treasurer position is still vacant. Ramil Negron resigned as steward from Groton and was replaced by Charles Pendola. Phil Trahan resigned as steward from Vernon and was replaced by Michael Ukers. President Daniels appointed Keith Polnik as steward in Storrs.
- Two grievance settlements in Pawcatuck related to 30 hour clerks being excessed into letter carrier positions about 3 years ago has settled and awarded Brother Scott Salemma \$7,896 and Brother Candido Rivera \$39,835.
- Letter Carrier perfect booklets were just finished and will be given to all stewards at the steward's and officer's meeting to hand out to all active union members.
- President Daniels has been working on developing the branch's web site for the past 3 months with Bridgett from IGRAFIX. The site should be up and running within the month or so. It will contain a wealth of information including the history of the branch, a scab list, member John Kaminski's cartoon collection, all handbooks and manuals, the J-Cam, 31 local agreements, branch minutes, a section to electronically contact the branch and much more.

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

**Meeting adjourned** with a motion from Norm St. Arnauld, second by Charles Pendola and passed.