## **January 4, 2017**

**Quorum:** (15) members were present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Gary Amidon and passed to accept the minutes of the December meeting.

## **Communications:**

None.

## **New Business:**

President Daniels appointed Daniel Cordeiro steward in our New London office. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Mike Maddalena and passed to fund the 2017 State Convention Delegates for one night hotel, 2 days per-diem and mileage. A motion was made by David Adeyemi, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to have President Daniels select up to ten stewards and officers to attend the NALC Regional Rap Session in Providence on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> with expenses of one night hotel, two days per-diem and mileage.

At the December 14<sup>th</sup> Stewards' meeting NALC Branch 86 President Michael Willardson was present to speak on a possible merger. President Willardson spoke on how his branch is run and what the merger would mean to his branch. Discussion was held on the possible merger. Nothing has been decided on this merger to date. The stewards and officers of Branch 20 will have input on the discussion of whether or not to merge with Branch 86. A discussion and vote of the membership could then follow.

On January 15<sup>th</sup> a retirement seminar will be presented by the Connecticut State Association of Letter Carriers. President Daniels had requested that all stewards send him a number of carriers that will attend this seminar. The first seminar had 185 people attend. So far the branch has about a dozen people who are planning to attend.

Brandon Jones, our web master had trouble getting time to work on the web-site. To fix this problem President Daniels appointed him an alternate steward in Waterbury and now he should have no problem leaving work to come to the Union Office. The Web site will be updated January 6, 2017 and all Branch 20 members should take advantage of its many useful sections that are located on line @ nalcbranch20.com.

**Treasurer's Report** was handed out to the members present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Mike Maddalena and passed to accept the report as printed. **Motion to Adjourn** was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Gary Amidon and passed to adjourn.