

## **February 1, 2017 – Minutes of the Meeting**

**Quorum:** (15) members were present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Daniel Cordeiro and passed to accept the minutes of the January meeting as printed.

### **Communications:**

A letter was received from the Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (NEOA) thanking the branch for its support over the past 17 years with a sponsorship of \$100 each year. NEOA hoped that we would continue the sponsorship again this year.

### **New Business:**

- ❖ Branch 86 is currently holding elections. When the elections are complete we will meet with their officers and continue our talks on a possible merger.
- ❖ A hero's pin presentation was held on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Waterbury Lakewood Station for Brother Clinton Parker for his heroic actions in helping Watertown Police subdue a veteran with a gun threatening police. Steward Jolanda Velez-Ruberte also presented Brother Parker with a Branch jacket.
- ❖ Vernon steward Mike Ukers recently resigned and President Daniels appointed John Daniels as acting steward until someone comes forward to become the steward. A letter from President Daniels was sent to all the carriers in Vernon asking if anyone would like to do the stewards job.
- ❖ New CCA trainers have been selected in the following towns: Meriden: BillieJoe Romano, John Rich and Todd Cello; New London: Fernando Flores and Daniel Cordeiro; Old Saybrook: Ron Crapio and Paul Daponte.
- ❖ President Daniels sent all 141 CCA's in Branch 20 a letter about Trumps hiring freeze. We can expect many attacks on the PO and unions with the Trump administration. President Daniels has set up a Twitter account @ Twitter.Com/PresBr20 to quickly inform the membership of what is happening.
- ❖ The National Business Agent has appointed Charles Pendola as the classroom instructor for newly hired City Carrier Assistants.
- ❖ NBA Casciano sent a letter to President Daniels in response to our request for a review and to amend two Step B decisions relative to the transfer request of Branch 20 member E. Ramos. The Step B Team reached an impasse because the USPS Step B representative has taken the position that the case should be referred to the ADR process at the National level. The Business Agent is not in agreement with the USPS position and will certify the impasse for regional arbitration.
- ❖ President Daniels received a letter from Kori Bialock Keller, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs on the guidelines for the Letter Carrier Political Fund. President Daniels sent Kori Bialock Keller a letter on how Branch 20 handles our LCPF annual collection and asked if there is anything we will need to change. We are waiting to hear back from Kori.
- ❖ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Chris Jolly and passed to send a donation of \$100 to NEOA.
- ❖ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Argjent Kala and passed to pay lost time, miles and a lunch to all officers and stewards for the March quarterly meeting.

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

**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Argjent Kala and passed.