

## **April 4, 2017**

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

### **Communications:**

Two pre-arbitration decisions were received from the NBA. The first resolved a transfer grievance from Meriden where the carrier eventually decided against transferring and the second one was in resolution of a roll-away accident that resulted in a removal action, also from Meriden, where the carrier eventually retired and the removal action was dismissed.

A phone call was received from the NALC legislative representative requesting the names of Branch 20's delegates attending the CSALC convention to determine if they were automatic contributors to the Letter Carrier Political Fund.

### **New Business:**

- ❖ Our annual May Letter Carrier Political Fund mailing is being prepared for mailing May 1<sup>st</sup> after some changes were made to the flyers to comply with political fund raising rules.
- ❖ President Daniels spent three days monitoring the New London special inspections that have been completed with a number of issues that he is addressing. The steward has been placed on emergency leave for allegedly texting and driving and three Letters of Warning were issued for alleged inspection infractions. President Daniels appointed Mystic Steward Charlie Pendola to act as steward in New London until the route inspection issues have been corrected.
- ❖ Justin Gieger resigned as steward in the Meriden office and President Daniels has appointed Sister Billie-Jo Romano to replace him.
- ❖ President Daniels took time at the March 29<sup>th</sup> officers' and stewards' meeting to recognize four Branch 20 members who collectively have served this branch for 109 years by presenting them each with a plaque. They included June Martin, Norman St. Arnauld, Kate Tavernier and Jonathan Daniels. President Daniels wanted to recognize these members and present them with a small token of appreciation for all they have done to make this branch run as well as it has in over 32 years. A motion was made by Michael Maddalena, second by David Adeyemi and passed to pay for the four plaques.
- ❖ A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Norm St. Arnauld to provide pastry for the food drive standup talk and \$3 per active carrier for food after the drive. An amendment to the motion was made by David Adeyemi to increase the amount to \$4, second by Michael Maddalena and passed. The original motion as amended then passed.
- ❖ A meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> was held between the executive board members of Branch 20 and Branch 86 to discuss a possible merger. Following the meeting two committees were appointed. One is evaluate selling both union buildings and buying a new one and the second committee will look into merging both sets of by-laws into one. These committees will meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> and as needed following that meeting. There will be three meetings held to discuss the possible merger with our members tentatively in Meriden, Norwich and Waterbury. If all goes well, and the members decide to vote in the affirmative, a merger could be consummated by January 2018.
- ❖ The current Branch 20 car lease will end July 17<sup>th</sup>. President Daniels has done a lot of research with the dealer and on line and has come up with a great deal. Ford will waive the last 3 payments plus the overage of miles and we will lease a new car for \$286 a month opposed to the current \$369 a month. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by David Adeyemi and passed to enter into the new car lease for a two year period.

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

**Motion to adjourn** was made by David Adeyemi, second by Norm St. Arnauld and passed.