

May 3, 2017

Quorum: (21) members were present. A motion was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed.

Communications:

A notice was received from Branch 46 Springfield, MA asking for a donation for their annual Golf Tournament for MDA. A notice was received from NALC letting us know of two classes that will be held in September and October for Advanced Formal A Training.

New Business:

- ❖ The Food Drive is May 13th. Postcards have been sent to all offices for delivery on Wednesday or Thursday the week of the drive. Pins and posters were made available for the lobby, window clerks and carriers. An instruction package on the food drive was sent to all stewards by President Daniels.
- ❖ The meeting hall is in need of a new door, including the frame. President Daniels received one estimate of \$2,700 to purchase a new door, install it and remove the old one. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Norman St. Arnauld to spend the \$2,700 to replace the door. A discussion was held on the motion suggesting that we get a second estimate. An amendment to the motion was made by Mitch Dingle, second by Kate Tavernier to get a second estimate. The amendment passed with the stipulation that we would go with the original \$2,700 if there were no other acceptable estimates within 14 days. Brother Mitch Dingle is in charge of getting this new estimate.
- ❖ A discussion was held on the Advanced Formal Step A classes being offered by the NALC. Charles Pendola and David Adeyemi spoke on the class that they attended. The classes will be held the week of September 17th and October 22nd. The cost of the class is \$1,683 for a single room with lost time for a week and transportation added. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by David Adeyemi and passed to send stewards Argjent Kala and Jolanda Velez-Ruberte' to the Advanced Formal training class.
- ❖ A motion was made by Jolanda Velez-Ruberte', second by Charles Pendola and passed to donate \$100 to Branch 46's golf tournament for MDA.
- ❖ The Annual May Letter Carrier Political Fund collection has gone out to all members who are not now on automatic contributions. A sweepstake drawing will be held at the June meeting with a \$300 and a \$200 prize.
- ❖ The CSALC State convention was held on April 23rd & 24th in Hartford, CT. The convention focused on legislative education and the importance of the Letter Carrier Political Fund. Speakers included NALC Executive Vice President Brian Renfroe, the NY and NE NBAs, RAA Jerry Ugone and 2nd District Congressman Joe Courtney. T.J. Dematteo from Branch 19 was elected CSALC President.
- ❖ President Daniels discussed recent grievance activity in the Branch. A pre-arbitration decision returned a Waterbury carrier back to work after being fired for leaving his truck running when he was not in it to defrost the windows. A second Waterbury carrier was fired for mishandling parcels. Because of the excellent work of Stewards David Adeyemi, Argjent Kala and VP John Daniels the B Team returned the carrier to work with a 7-Day Suspension. Also another Waterbury carrier requested light duty and that grievance was denied at arbitration due to the fact that the carrier did not provide sufficient medical documentation for the request. In New London the route inspections are completed and were done fairly. Stewards Cordeiro and Pendola are reviewing the inspections and will see it through with any adjustments to be made. Steward Cordeiro was issued an emergency suspension for *allegedly* texting and driving, threatened with a removal and given a 14-Day-Suspension. Steward Pendola filed a grievance and the steward was returned to work with all discipline rescinded.

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.

Good of the Association:

Jolanda Velez-Ruberte' spoke on behalf of a Waterbury non-member who would like to rejoin the union because he is tired of being watched and harassed by management. A motion was made by Jolanda Velez-Ruberte', second by Charles Pendola to waive the fee of \$200 in Branch 20's by-laws for joining or rejoining the Union more than 6 months from date eligible. A discussion was held on the motion. The motion to waive the \$200 fee failed. Brother Mitch Dingle then called for a division. With a show of hands the motion failed with 7 members in favor and 10 opposed.

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