

December 6, 2017

Quorum: (37) members were present. A motion was made Norman St. Arnauld, second by Steve Sanders and passed to accept the minutes as printed.

Communications:

A letter was received from NBA Casciano informing the branch that National has filed a class action promotion pay grievance on the postal service's decision that would change the ELM Section 422.2 City Carrier Schedule. The revision eliminates the requirement that two time the most prevalent step be added to a table two grade 1 letter carrier's salary when promoted to a grade 2 assignment.

A letter from the Postal Service was received informing the branch of route inspections to be conducted in Jewett City, (January 20, 2018) Norwich, (April 14, 2018) and Waterford, (May 13, 2018.)

A letter was received from the Postal Service informing the branch of two letter carrier jobs being held under Article 12 in Torrington and Vernon.

An audit was done on Branch 20's books on November 16, 2017. The months being audited was January 1, 2017 thru May 31, 2017. All books were found to be in good order. Another audit was done on November 21, 2017 due to the fact the audit team did not finish them the first time. The books were checked from May 31, 2017 until August 31, 2017. All books were found to be in good order.

Letters requesting reappointment to steward positions were received from Jolanda Velez-Ruberte, Argjent Kala and Billie-Jo Romano. A letter was received from Justin Greiger requesting that he be considered for the steward's job in the Meriden office. A letter was received from Robert Ponzio stating that he was resigning immediately from the position of Chief Steward for the Meriden office. A letter from David Adeyemi was received informing the branch of his decision to not seek reappointment as Chief Steward in the Waterbury office after December 31, 2017. He thanked President Daniels for his steadfast trust and support of him. Dave stated that he sincerely appreciated everything that President Daniels has done for the membership in the city of Waterbury. Dave said his expectation is to start the new year 2018 with a much better frame of mind devoid of any kind of unnecessary and unwarranted silly drama and further attempts at character assassination of myself and other Branch 20 officers at the hands of the same folks that I, and the other stewards work very hard daily to defend and protect. He finished by saying, Thank you for this great opportunity and I wish you and the new officers nothing but success.

New Business:

In accordance with Article 11 of the NALC National Constitution two appeals from Mr. Pinto concerning the decision made at the November Union meeting by President Daniels was read. A discussion was held on the expenses for the delegates for the 2018 National Convention. With 6 delegates going the suggested amount to spend was a total of \$12,000. This expense will be voted on at the January meeting.

A motion was made by Tom Sagnella, second by Norm St. Arnauld and passed to give the office carrier a \$50 holiday gift.

Local negotiations have been completed in all 31 offices. Only four locals were appealed to impasse. The four offices going to impasse are Waterbury, Middletown, Cromwell and New Milford. President Daniels thank the chief negotiators Norm St. Arnauld, Jon Daniels, Charlie Pendola and June Martin for all their hard work and time spent on the locals. President Daniels also thanked the stewards who helped with the negotiations.

The Officers' and Stewards' meeting is scheduled for December 13th at which time the Holiday gifts and pocket calendars to be handed out to active carriers will be provided the stewards.

Treasurer's report was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by John Rich, second by Mick Maddlena and passed to accept the report as printed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Norm St. Arnauld, second by Steve Sanders and passed.