

April 4, 2018

Quorum: (43) members were present. There are no minutes for March since the March meeting was cancelled due to winter weather.

Communications:

A letter from the postal service to the APWU was read stating that the Article 12 withholdings have been lifted and all carrier positions that were being held for excessing of APWU members are released.

A letter was received from NALC headquarters Committee of Appeals in regards to member Edward Pinto's appeal of the handling of a proposed by-law change by the branch. The committee of appeals rejected Brother Pinto's appeal.

May 12th is Food Drive Day. A letter was sent by the Postmaster General informing all postmasters, managers and supervisors that the Food Drive is a great cause and they all should give their support and do whatever it takes to have a very successful drive. The food drive cards are being shipped to the Waterbury office where David Adeyemi will send them out to all branch 20 offices.

Headquarters has notified the branch that Brother Jim McKenna of Waterbury has quit the union.

New Business:

Route inspections are being held in Norwich starting April 14th and in Waterford starting May 14th. Inspection training will be provided for both offices.

In the recent Postal Record Branch 20 was the top contributor to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF) in the state of Connecticut. More than 18% of the members contributed, much higher than any other Branch in the state.

Branch 20 has been doing a, "This May Save Your Job" collection for the LCPF for 30 years and it continues this year with a mailing to all members. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Pete Scelfo and passed to fund the mailing along with a drawing.

A motion was made by David Bailigeron, second by Charles Pendola and passed to pay for pastry for the Food Drive stand-up talks and for \$4 per active carrier in each office for pizza/hot dogs for the carriers the day of the food drive.

A lot of questions have been coming in concerning the new "load truck" function on our scanners. The "load truck" function was discussed with the Business Agent's office and determined it did not violate the contract. Just take the time and do it.

There are many conversions of CCAs currently occurring in the Branch since the lifting of the Article 12 withholding. When a route is vacant it is put on to e-reassign for 21 days and the placement of the vacant route onto e-reassign happens only once a month. After the 21 days the postal service has 10 days to convert a CCA into the position if there is no transfer from another area.

The branch has signed a new copier lease for 4 years at the same cost as before.

The issues of CCAs COP, OWCP payments and limited duty assignments was discussed.

Treasurer's Report was handed out to all members present. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Pete Scelfo and passed to accept the report as printed.

Good of the Association:

There were discussions on the status of union representation at the Waterbury main office and proposed by-law change. Carrier Pinto then withdrew his proposed by-law change.

Motion to adjourn was made by Norman St. Arnauld, second by David Bailigeron and passed.