

March 6, 2019

Quorum (18) members were present. A motion was made by Kate Tavernier, second by Steve Sanders and passed to accept the minutes of the February meeting.

Communications:

A letter was received from Business Agent Rick DiCecca informing the branch of the death of retired National Trustee Randall Keller.

The branch received a Step B decision on a removal from Norwich that returned the carrier back to work. The "B" Team determined that management in this case failed to conduct a thorough and independent investigation, cited alleged violations of safety rules for which there was no evidence in the case file that the grievant was aware of and that management violated Article 41.3.P when they did not notify the Branch President of the vehicle accident promptly.

A letter was received from the Business Agent listing the training classes that will be held at the April Regional Training/RAP Session.

A letter was received from Executive Vice President Brian Renfroe in response to a letter that President Daniels sent him of our concern with the branch's organizing percentage for 2018. Renfroe noted that after review of the issue it was found that Branch 20 was indeed the top organized branch among branches with 500 to 999 members. Renfroe apologized for the error and sent the branch the NALC Organizing Award for 2018.

New Business:

President Daniels reminded the stewards and officers that they will be scheduled to attend the April 2019 Regional Training/RAP Session. Stewards will be scheduled to attend the Sunday session and Officers will be scheduled to attend the Sunday and Monday sessions.

Eleones "Leo" Linarez will be trained and will be appointed an Alternate Steward for the Vernon office. Aaron Hastings has been appointed steward in New London and Waterford.

The Food Drive is scheduled for May 11th and the NBA's office is providing 45,000 paper bags, in addition to the postcards, for use in the Waterbury office. Post cards will be sent to the Waterbury office and David Adeyemi will distribute them to all our 31 stations.

Charles Pendola recently attended training for the B Team and was one of two out of the six that attended the class who passed the very intense course. Pendola is now qualified to fill in on the B Team.

A reminder was read about the local quarterly customer connect telecoms.

Branch 20 was once again the top fund raiser for the Letter Carrier Political Fund in 2018 in CT, raising \$17,193 with 194 carriers contributing. Second place was Br. 86 with \$12,821 and 253 carriers contributing. In third place was Br. 19 with \$7,735 with 77 carriers contributing. A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to fund this year's Letter Carrier Political Fund Drive in May.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Sanders, second by Vinnie Prigitano and passed to adjourn.