

February 5, 2020

Quorum: (17) members were present. A motion was made by Steve Sanders, second by Kate Tavernier and passed to accept the minutes of the January meeting.

Communications:

A letter was received from Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (NEOA) thanking the branch for its support over the past 20 years. NEOA is requesting our support again this year. An agreement was read from President Rolando and the Postal Service announcing CCA promotions to PTF status no later than March 22, 2020. Branch 20 has 11 CCAs eligible for conversion under this agreement.

A letter was received from NALC Secretary/Treasurer Nicole Rhine regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Great Postal Strike to be held on March 21, 2020 in New York. Nicole stated that 6 tickets were being sent to the branch and hotel rooms are available at \$169 a night.

A mandatory stand-up talk was to be given on January 24, 2020 concerning staying healthy during this flu season with tips on how to stay healthy. All stewards should make sure that this stand-up talk was given.

On February 5th an audit was done on all of Branch 20's financial records by trustees Charles Pendola and Tim Thibault along with Secretary June Martin and Treasurer Brandon Jones. All books were checked and found to be in good order.

New Business:

A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Steve Sanders and passed to make a donation of \$100 to NEOA.

A motion was made by Charles Pendola, second by Steve Sanders and passed to pay lost-time, per diem, train fare and hotel room for 5 officers to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Great Postal Strike.

President Daniels reported that on January 18, 2020 a car struck and damaged the Union Office building causing \$4,569 worth of damage. The insurance company and police have been notified and are handling the claim. Our insurance will cover all cost less \$500 deductible. A motion was made by Argent Kala, second by Shane Joyce and passed to hire Prestige LLC and pay them \$4,569 for the repairs.

Three B Team decisions received by the branch were discussed. In Waterbury the managers were asking carriers for documentation to support incapacitation when going home sick. The grievance was resolved stating that it was improper for management to require every employee who leaves early and unexpectedly for documentation. This must be considered on a case by case basis. In Torrington a CCA worked beyond his 360 day appointment. The union wanted this CCA promoted to career status and to be paid \$75 a day until he was promoted. The "B" Team denied the remedy. The only issue unresolved in this grievance was whether or not the carriers on the OTDL should have worked those hours. A Norwich grievance dealing with a carrier who failed to follow the instructions of his manager on a street walk was sustained by the "B" Team. The 7 day suspension was rescinded from all files.

Branch 86 election of officers will not be complete for another 20 days and following that election we will know more regarding merger talks with Branch 86.

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Charles Pendola, second by David Delisle and passed.