

**A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 2627  
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel  
General Membership Meeting  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Agenda: Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
President's Report  
New & Unfinished Business  
Good & Welfare**

**President Ed Hysyk called the meeting to order at 6:23 PM.**

**Minutes:**

**Minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 General Membership Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Julie Leibowitz of HPD made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Lanni of TRS seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Treasurer Bruce Heigh distributed the Financial Reports for December 2007, January 2008 and Calendar Year 2007. A motion was made by Julie Leibowitz to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Frank Nesson of DoITT seconded the motion. Discussion followed.**

**Ellen Bitkower of the Department of Sanitation. wanted to know the kind of expenses incurred by the Quality of Work Life committee (QWL). Treasurer Heigh said that the QWL expenses involve various agencies for such things as employee recognition ceremonies, health & education fairs, meeting refreshments, Discussion ended.**

**A vote was taken on the motion and it passed.**

**President's Report:**

**President Hysyk introduced representatives of the Voluntary Insurance Plan (VIP) who gave a short report on their new programs.**

**President Hysyk then introduced Barbara Terrelonge, Assistant Director of DC 37 Research & Negotiations, who gave an update on the status of the Civil Service lists. The update was reported as follows: Computer Associate (SW) Open Competitive list (Exam No. 4053) – 2 candidates were appointed from January 2008 to March 2008; Computer Specialist (SW) Open Competitive list (Exam No. 3013) – 5 candidates were appointed since January 2008. She then concluded her report.**

**President Hysyk talked about the .34 increase. He said that if the Local decided to take the .34 as a longevity increase, it could be as much as \$300. Artie Kellam of HRA asked if the .34 was going to be included in the present 3 year longevity or an entirely new longevity, Ed said that it always pays to add it to an existing longevity because the amount would be immediately pensionable as you earn it. Otherwise with the establishment of a new longevity, it would take two years before it becomes eligible for a pension.**

**A member from CUNY talked about an exam for Information Specialist that he and others took almost a year ago that was later scrapped by CUNY. CUNY has not offered any refunds for those who took the canceled exams. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Ajaye said that before they can approach CUNY with this complaint, they would need something in writing from the members who were affected.**

**There may be an on-line exam for the certified titles.**

**So far there have been no additional dates scheduled between the City and DC 37 bargaining talks.**

**President Hysyk said that none of the locals have heard anything from the Salary Review Panel. So far no monies have been generated and targeted for funding Salary Review. No pot of money has been found.**

**The non-economic agreement with the NYC Transit Authority has been concluded.**

**There have been no dates scheduled for CUNY bargaining.**

**HHC is coming out with some new titles that they want our members to apply for. Most of the HHC employees will have a difficult time applying for these exams. This situation will be examined further.**

**City-Time is coming to the following agencies: Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Dept. of Probation, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Dept. of Parks.**

**Peter Jablin gave the political action report. He urged members to call City Council Speaker Quinn to get her to bring the residency bill to a vote before the City Council.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**None.**

**New Business:**

**Shop Steward Keisha Hogan of the Controller's Office brought up some issues that have not been addressed when calls were made to the Local's office. She said that members at the Controller's Office want to know what is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gary Goff's function because when they call the office to get answers, he has responded with an attitude or no answer at all. Keisha said that her members are complaining about health issues and the use of quotas but there seems to be no follow-up. She added that she has emailed and faxed over all the issues to the Local's office and nothing is being done. President Hysyk asked Keisha if she and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gary Goff participated in a health & safety walk-through at the Controller's Office. She said that there was a walk-through but no one from the Local ever followed up. Keisha said that a list of all the issues that were brought up during the walk-through were emailed and faxed to the Local. President Hysyk asked Keisha to re-fax it to the office to his attention. He then asked Keisha to send him all the details concerning the quota issue. She said that she has already faxed over all the details to the Local's office but she will send it again. She stated that she and the other members from the Controller's Office need their issues to be followed-up. Keisha said that if she and the other members call the Local's office and Ed Hysyk is unavailable, they are likely to hear remarks like "I don't know the answer", "Let me get back to you", "Management is right", and "Let me get in touch with Tyler Hemingway". She said that she is frustrated at the lack of responsiveness when the person in the Local's office should have access to the information to help members with work issues. Ed said that he sincerely hears Keisha's concerns and will act on them.**

**Gilbert Sambolin of the Department of Education said that he faxed a step-3 grievance to the Local's office twice and he has gotten no response. He wanted to know if he should fax it in again. President Hysyk said that Tyler Hemingway was handling that grievance and suggested that Gilbert speak to him before faxing it again.**

Florence Smith of the Department of Corrections said that everybody in the Local's office should be aware of what's going on with the members. She said that if the President of the Local is not in the office, the other person in the office should have the information necessary to respond to members' issues.

A member suggested that some of the religious holidays be made floating holidays so members could have time off for their individual holidays. President Hysyk said this issue can be a bargaining demand that comes under the non-economic part of the contract. He asked the member to submit this idea to the bargaining committee.

Andrea Bobrow commented that the Irish Heritage celebration was very nice. She wanted to know how many members bought tickets to the affair since the Local paid for a table of eight. Treasurer Heigh said he received \$20 from Andrea Bobrow for 1 ticket and \$40 from Michael Lanni for 2 tickets. He said he hasn't received payment for the other tickets. President Hysyk said that a \$40 check from Robert Ajaye for two and a \$20 check from himself were in the Local's office.

President Hysyk announced that Tyler Hemingway was promoted to Assistant Director of the Hospitals Division effective Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. He will still be responsible for some of the things that he was working on.

**Good & Welfare:**

Murray Rosenthal of HRA had his retirement party at the Brooklyn Marriott.

Billy Elkin of HRA is still out sick.

Regina Woods of DoHMH just passed away due to a heart attack.

Larry Powell of HRA is out sick.

Seth Soloman of the TA had triplets.

Summer Camp registration is now going on.

Bruce Heigh's son was awarded \$500 from the Association of Jewish Employees of the City of New York.

Cynthia Perkins announced that the Local's Women's Month Celebration will take place on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at DC 37, 6 p.m.

Gilbert Sambolin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cody Childs  
Secretary