

AFSCME Local 2627
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2009

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President Robert Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6.05 PM.

Brother Ajaye began the meeting by introducing our guest speaker, Sister Lillian Roberts, Executive Director of District Council 37.

Sister Roberts thanked the members for the invitation to address the meeting. She said that our union has many important things to do. She said that the union has published a white paper report that describes savings of about \$130 million that are possible to the city by reducing the use of contracted workers and that this is just the tip of the iceberg. She said that DC 37 will have posters in the subways and will be distributing leaflets in the streets to publicize this issue. Sister Roberts continued and said that the total value of city contracts is approximately 9.2 billion dollars.

Sister Roberts said that DC 37 will be starting a public campaign to let the public know that the administration is squandering its money on wasteful contracts. Sister Roberts said that members must know these issues and tell their friends and neighbors about them. Sister Roberts said that she has testified before the city council on these issues.

Sister Roberts asked members to make themselves aware of these issues and to volunteer to help our union's campaign. She said that our union's campaign will have various leaflets that tell our story and we will also have community meetings.

2nd vice-president Sister Cynthia Perkins said that our local had distributed lists of elected representatives to our shop stewards at shop steward training to help members network and contact their representatives.

Sister Roberts said she will calling on all members of DC 37 to help in this campaign and thanked the members for the opportunity to address the local's meeting.

Brother Ajaye introduced Sister Barbara Terrelonge of the DC 37 Research and Negotiations division. Sister Terrelonge said that she is responsible for negotiating the contract and layoff procedures for our local. She said that the city has to give the union 30 days official notice of any layoffs, which includes the names of any at-risk members. She said that the research department reviews each person's civil service status and seniority date to ensure that the contract is followed.

Brother Kenny Williams (DoITT) asked about the distinction between provisionals and permanents.

Sister Terrelonge said that permanents may be on a layoff list, but they must be in seniority order, and they have the right to be put on a special transfer list which may give them the right to move to another agency in title with their seniority.

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) asked about the status of the new civil service title, Customer Information Representative at the Department of Education. Sister Terrelonge said that DC 37 has filed a petition to represent the title, but that another union was also fighting to represent the title. Sister Terrelonge said that DC 37 believes that it holds a community of interest with the title and will win the petition. She said that the Office of Collective Bargaining will make the decision about which union and local will represent the title.

Brother Joe Izzo (NYPD) asked if the proposal to reclassify the computer titles from competitive to non-competitive had been approved by the Commissioner of DCAS ? Sister Terrelonge said that the proposal had not been approved yet.

Council Representative Brother Raul Martinez swore in newly elected Shop Steward Sister Nilsa Gonzalez of NYCHA.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 17, 2009 general membership meeting were distributed. Brother Ed Hysyk (HRA) made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sister Laura Pirtle (FDNY).

The following corrections were made;

Pg. 3 – Sister Laura Pirtle’s name is spelled “Pirtle”, not “Pyrtle”

The motion to accept the minutes as corrected passed with no nay votes or abstentions.

Motions passed by Executive Board

March

Motion to buy 6 tickets at \$40 each to DC 37 Irish Heritage Celebration – motion passed

April

Motion to contribute \$500 to Friends of Bill de Blasio – motion passed

Motion to buy 8 tickets at \$15 each to Local 957 Spring Spectacular Scholarship Fundraiser – motion passed

Treasurer’s Report

The local’s financial statements for the months of February 2009, March 2009 and the cumulative financial statement for the period from January 1 to March 31, 2009 were distributed.

For the month of February 2009, the local had a total income of \$ 177,396 and total expenditures were \$190,217. The local had an excess of expenses over income for the month of \$12,820.

The local ended the month of February 2009 with a cash balance of \$ 222,329.

For the month of March 2009, the local’s total income was \$180,003. The local’s total expenses were \$187,551. The excess of expenses over income for the month was \$7,548.

The local ended the month of March 2009 with a closing cash balance of \$214,781.

For the cumulative period from January 1 to March 31, 2009 the local's total income was \$608,111. The local's total expenses were \$566,413. The excess of income over expenses for the period was \$41,697.

The local ended the cumulative period from January 1 to March 31, 2009 with a closing cash balance of \$214,781.

President's Report

Brother Ajaye began his President's report by saying that the Transit Authority had sent a memo to Vilma Ebanks of Research and Negotiations which says that there will be a stop on all hiring at the Transit Authority until the fiscal crisis is over.

Brother Ajaye said that the local had received a payment date for the final .34 % increase due from our previous contract. Brother Ajaye recognized the attendance of his predecessor, former President Brother Ed Hysyk (HRA) and said that in accordance with the past practice of our local, this money will be allocated to our longevities. He said that our longevities will go up by \$311, and should be payable in the first paycheck in June. Brother Ajaye also said that this payment will be retroactive to March 2008.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 had won the right to represent the Computer Specialist (Operations) and Telecommunications Specialist (Data) titles in the Transit Authority. Members in these titles will be accreted to Local 2627.

Brother Ajaye said that the local has two scholarship winners for the DC 37 education fund scholarship luncheon.

Brother Ajaye said that he gets many requests in the office for money and tickets for various events every day. He said that he feels that he sometimes receives opposition from the executive board in getting approval to buy tickets for events he considers it important for our local to support. He said that he will bring these issues to the membership in the future.

Brother Ajaye said that our local has almost 4200 members and its important for our membership to increase its participation in DC 37 activities such as lobby day.

Brother Ajaye said that the list for the open-competitive civil service exam for Computer Service Technician still hasn't been established. The promotional exam for Supervising Computer Service Technician has been given.

Brother Ajaye thanked Brother Craig Adams (DOE) for teaching the Supervising Computer Service Technician exam review class.

Brother Ajaye said that its important for members to get involved in the local's activities and attend membership meetings at their worksites.

Brother Ajaye said that paperless pay stubs will be implemented soon. He said that members should still have the option of choosing paper stubs.

Brother Ajaye said that Research and Negotiations has met with the MTA and the Transit Authority regarding the 4% raise members are due. The TA has said that it will resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Brother Ajaye said that members who are provisional should take any available test that they are eligible for.

Brother Artie Kellam (HRA) asked that there be more information on the issues our local faces on the local's website.

Old Business

Brother Ajaye said that the issue of what percentage of members are necessary to call for a Shop Steward election will be on the meeting card for our June meeting, and that the issue will be addressed then.

New Business

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) asked about members being allowed to use pre-tax dollars to buy transit checks for commuter railroads.

Brother Bruce Heigh (HRA) said this was agreed to in a previous contract but has not been implemented yet.

Good and Welfare

Brother Bruce Heigh's (HRA) mother had surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Brother Gilbert Sambolin's (DOE) daughter has graduated Long Island University and she is working as a teacher in the City of New York

Sister Miranda Joseph-Charles (CUNY) had a baby daughter, Kamea.

1st vice-president Brother Gary Goff (Finance) had a granddaughter, Neela.

Brother Ed Hysyk (HRA) made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8.10 PM.