

AFSCME Local 2627
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2009

Agenda:
Minutes
Treasurer's Report
President's Report
Election of one trustee and one delegate to DC 37
New & Old Business
Good & Welfare

President Robert Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6.15 PM.

Brother Ajaye began the meeting by introducing Oscar Alvarado, Assistant Director of the DC 37 Political Action and Legislation department.

Mr. Alvarado said that he would like to give members a report on what the political action department is working on. He said that DC 37 is threatened with layoffs in many locals. He said that the department is working on campaigns to inform our elected officials that DC 37 is strong in its opposition to the threatened layoffs. He said that Political Action holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month and that there had been a very large turnout of members, and shop stewards at its June meeting at the call of Executive Director Lillian Roberts to support our union's campaign against contracting-out. He said that DC 37 is getting ready to roll-out a big campaign to publicize the cost savings and waste identified in the white paper reports. Mr. Alvarado said that DC 37 will be holding rallies against cuts in services to our communities and in support of different locals at different worksites. Mr. Alvarado also said that DC 37 will be sending buses to Washington, DC on June 25 with AFSCME to support health care reform.

Brother Terry Dunne (CUNY) asked where he can get a copy of the white papers?
Brother Ajaye said that the white papers are on-line at DC37.Net.

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) asked about the possibility of a tier 5 pension. Mr. Alvarado said that DC 37 is opposed to it.

Brother Gene Olmstead (HRA) said that the union has made sacrifices to have the benefits that we have now. Mr. Alvarado said that it is important to get that message out.

Brother Ajaye asked for volunteers for the election committee. The volunteers were John Sims (DOE), Bolanle Toru (HRA) and Ernest Parker (TLC).

Minutes

The minutes of the May 19, 2009 general membership meeting were distributed. Brother Robert Fishburne (HRA) made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brother Jose Contreras (DOE).

No corrections were made to the minutes.

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

Motions passed by Executive Board

May

Motion to contribute \$200 to the cost of the retirement party for Stephanie Velez, Director of the Professional division – motion passed

Motion to spend no more than \$750 to buy six tickets at \$125 each to the DC 37 education fund scholarship luncheon, local will verify that scholarship winners will attend before buying tickets – motion passed

Motion to contribute \$500 to the DC 37 Jewish Heritage Celebration – motion passed

Treasurer's Report

The local's financial statement for the month of April 2009 was distributed.

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Sister Andrea Simon (HRA).

For the month of April 2009, the local had a total income of \$ 190,074 and total expenditures were \$192,041. The local had an excess of expenses over income for the month of \$1,966.

The local ended the month of April 2009 with a cash balance of \$ 212,815.

The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report passed with no nay votes or abstentions.

Brother Ajaye said that the local had grown in size and we are therefore entitled to an additional delegate to DC 37. Brother Ajaye also said that the local has an election for trustee every year in June.

Brother Ajaye said that we also had unfinished business to address to determine what would be required to call for a new shop steward election at a site. Brother Ajaye said that he felt that the required amount of members at a site to call for an election should be 50% + 1 of the members at a site. He also said that some members felt that the percentage should be less and that the issue would be decided tonight.

Discussion followed regarding the best policy of the percentage of members at a site necessary. Brother Gene Olmstead (HRA) said that he felt that the percentage required should be 50% +1. Kim Robinson (DOE) said she felt that the right choice was a majority of those who come to vote. Brother Seth Solomon (TA) asked if this constituted a change to the local's constitution. Brother Ajaye said that it did not.

Brother Artie Kellam (HRA) made a motion that the meeting vote immediately to determine the percentage of members at a worksite necessary to recall or initiate an election for a shop steward. Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Brother Ajaye said that there were two options, the majority of members who come to vote + 1 or 50% +1 of the members at a site.

Brother Ajaye asked members who are in favor of the majority who come to the election + 1 to vote by a show of hands – a hand count was conducted and 42 votes were cast for this alternative

Brother Ajaye asked members who are in favor of 50% +1 based on the population of the site to vote by a show of hands - a hand count was conducted and 19 votes were cast for this alternative.

Brother Ajaye turned the meeting over to the election committee to take nominations for trustee and delegate to DC 37.

Brother Ernest Parker was replaced on the election committee by Sister Diane Thomas (TLC).

Nominations were taken for trustee

Brother Gene Olmstead (HRA) nominated Mike Lanni (TRS)
Brother Seth Solomon (TA) nominated Brian Hochberg (NYCHA)
There were no additional nominations for trustee

Nominations were taken for delegate to DC 37

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) nominated Sister Aria Pride (DoItt)
Sister Portia Perkins (DOF) nominated Sister Laura Pirtle (FDNY)
Brother Murdock Haskins (DOE) nominated Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE)
Brother Ian Bell (TLC) nominated Brother Ernest Parker (TLC)
Brother Lenny Days (HRA) nominated Brother Charles McClain (HRA)
Sister Patricia Taylor (HHC) nominated Sister Tawana Mickins (HHC)
Brother Cody Childs (HRA) nominated Brother Gene Olmstead (HRA)
Sister Maria Sette (NYPD) nominated Sister Maria Sette (NYPD)
Brother Brian Hochberg (NYCHA) nominated Brother Seth Solomon (TA)
There were no additional nominations for delegate to DC 37.
The nominations were closed, and the members present voted.
The election committee left the room to count the votes.

President's Report

Brother Ajaye said that a copy of the AFSCME decision on the charges against 1st vice-president Gary Goff had been distributed to members with the minutes tonight.

Brother Ajaye said that the DC 37 media ads against contracting-out had been running on the radio and posted in the subway.

Brother Ajaye said that a member who is at risk of layoff should be notified by their agency. DC 37 Research and Negotiations also receives a list of members who are at risk of layoff in advance. DC 37 then meets with the agency in an attempt to reduce the number of members who will be laid off. Brother Ajaye said that permanents and

provisionals with underlying civil service titles have rights that pure provisionals do not have. Permanents have the right to bump a provisional.

Brother Ajaye said that one of our provisional members who is at risk of layoff has not joined the pension. Brother Ajaye said that he has emphasized many times to members the importance of joining the pension.

Brother Ajaye also said that threatened layoffs of permanent DC 37 members had been deferred 90 days because of an agreement between the MLC and the city on health insurance give-backs.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 will be having a counseling session for provisional members who will be laid off on June 29.

Brother Ajaye said that the local is presently busy with many activities, including accreting the Computer Specialist (Operations) and Telecommunications Specialist (Data) titles at the Transit Authority and needs the active involvement and support of its members.

The Election committee returned to report on the elections;

77 members voted

Trustee

Mike Lanni 57

Brian Hochberg 15

Mike Lanni declared the winner.

Delegate to DC 37

Laura Pirtle 14

Aria Pride 13

Gene Olmstead 11

Maria Sette 11

Seth Solomon 8

Gilbert Sambolin 7

Ernest Parker 5

Charles McClain 3

Tawana Mickins 2

Laura Pirtle declared the winner.

Council Representative Marianella Santana swore-in Brother Lanni as Trustee and Sister Pirtle as Delegate to DC 37.

Brother Ajaye thanked the election committee.

Brother Ajaye discussed DCAS Personnel Service Bulletin 200-9, Posting of Vacant Positions, which includes the rules an agency should follow in redeploying members. If there is a travel hardship involved in a redeployment, the union may be able to address it, and the member should contact the union. The DCAS Personnel Service Bulletins are available on the DCAS webpage on the internet.

Brother Ajaye said that in the event of a layoff, provisionals have no seniority rights.

Brother Ajaye said that information on the newly established Certified IT Administrator (Database) and Certified IT Developer (Applications) lists, as well as information on existing lists and scheduled civil service exams for the city and CUNY have been added to our local's website.

Brother Ajaye asked for a large turnout of members for the Labor Day parade.

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sister Laura Pirtle (FDNY), and the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8.20 PM.