

AFSCME Local 2627  
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2010

Agenda:  
Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
Trustee's Report  
President's Report  
New & Old Business  
Good & Welfare

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

Minutes

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) distributed the minutes of the November 17, 2009 general membership meeting. Brother Charles McClain (HRA) made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brother Eric Tyrer (York College).

The following correction was made;

Pg. 2 – Treasurer's Report change "three-period" to "three-pay-period"

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce Heigh distributed the local's financial statements for the months of October and November 2009.

Brother Dana Hudes (HRA) asked what made up the Education expense reported. Brother Heigh said that this was tuition reimbursements paid to members.

Brother Gene Olmstead (HRA) asked where he could find the total number of members on which Gross Dues Received is based. Brother Heigh said that this is on line 2 of the financial statements.

Brother Cody Childs (HRA) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Brother Charles McClain (HRA) seconded the motion.

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

Brother Heigh said that the local's dues had increased .30 per paycheck. He said that this was an increase mandated by AFSCME.

Brother Jablin read the motions made at the November and December 2009 executive board meetings.

### President's Report

Brother Ajaye began his President's report by introducing Leo Morris of the DC 37 Political Action Department to give a presentation. Brother Morris said that Saturday January 23 would be DC 37's annual legislative conference and the annual AFSCME lobby day would be held on February 8.

Brother Morris said that it is very important for members to join the PEOPLE program, which supports AFSCME's political efforts. He said that members can read more about it at AFSCME.ORG.

Brother Ajaye said that most locals in DC 37 and the council had contributed to earthquake relief in Haiti. Discussion followed regarding the most appropriate amount to contribute and the impact on the local's budget and what organization was the most appropriate recipient. Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) suggested giving \$1 per member and made a motion to contribute \$4000. The motion was seconded by Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD).

Brother Gary Goff (DOF) made a friendly amendment to donate to the AFL-CIO solidarity center for relief to Haitian workers which is the same organization that DC 37 contributed to. The question was called and a vote was taken and there were no nay votes or abstentions.

Brother Ajaye said that Brother Elliot Miranda, one of our local's shop stewards in HHC had been profiled in the current issue of the PEP.

Brother Ajaye said that Research and Negotiations had requested the commencement of bargaining on our next contract. He said that our current contract expires on March 2.

Brother Gary Goff (DOF) said that he had spoken with Evelyn Seinfeld of Research and Negotiations and commented on possible scenarios that could happen if our titles were reclassified.

Brother Mitchell Goldberg (NYCHA) said that the DCAS plan alludes to the possible reclassification of titles and suggested that members read the plan which is available on the web.

Brother Peter Miceli (NYCHA) suggested that our local form a committee to organize our opposition to the proposed reclassification of our titles.

Brother Ajaye said that it is important to write to New York State legislators to express our opposition to the proposed reclassification.

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) asked if the new title Customer Information Representative will be a 2627 title. Brother Sambolin said that a lot of help desk representatives had been moved into this title. Brother Ajaye said that he didn't know if it would be in 2627 or not.

Brother Ajaye said that the overtime cap under the citywide contract is \$74,079.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37 is still disputing the Transit Authority's withholding of the last 4% raise under the last contract.

Brother Ajaye introduced our new council representative Jon Ng to the membership

Brother Ajaye said that the Black History family day celebration will be February 6.

Brother Ajaye said that the annual Irish Heritage Celebration will be March 5.

Sister Julie Leibowits (HPD) suggested getting a bigger room for the next general membership meeting. Brother Ajaye said that this is hard because most of the bigger rooms are already reserved by other locals.

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) said that it is extremely important for members to participate in the DC 37 Legislative Conference, AFSCME Lobby Day on February 8 and DC 37 Lobby Day in May.

## Old Business

Brother Gilbert Sambolin (DOE) asked about the status of the expansion of transit check benefits to include members who live outside the city and use transportation other than the MTA. Brother Heigh said that at the last DC 37 delegate assembly it was said that the city is still in negotiations with the vendor who will provide this benefit to determine the fee that will be charged.

## New Business

Brother Michael Sturza (DoItt) gave an update on the status of the Mumia Abu-Jamal case. Brother Ajaye said that the local had passed a motion in support of Mr. Jamal in the past.

## Good and Welfare

Brother Peter Jablin said that the vendor the local had used for many years, The Basket Shop had gone out of business and transferred their records to Kosher.Com. Brother Jablin said that he had received positive feedback from members who he had sent baskets from Kosher.com to, regarding the quality of the baskets.

Brother Jablin said that the local had sent baskets to Karen Haskett (DOF), Joel Young (HRA) and would send a basket to Robert Zito (FDNY).

Brother Jablin congratulated Sister Aria Pride (DoItt) on the signs on the subway honoring her daughter Leah for her outstanding academic achievements as a CUNY graduate and said that the local is very proud of both Aria and Leah!

Sister Cynthia Perkins (DOHMH) expressed condolences to the family of Sister Stephanie Coates of (HRA) who passed away.

Sister Portia Perkins (DOF) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sister Laura Pirtle (FDNY) and passed without any nay votes or abstentions.