

AFSCME Local 2627
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2010

Agenda:
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President Robert Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6.12 PM.

Minutes

Brother Peter Jablin (ACS) distributed the minutes of the March 23, 2010 general membership meeting. Brother Charles McClain (HRA) made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brother Robert Fishburne (HRA).

Brother Heigh expressed his opinion that the March 22, 2010 Special Executive Board Meeting was not properly called.

A vote was taken and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Brother Bruce Heigh distributed the local's financial statements for the months of February 2010 and March 2010 and the cumulative financial statement for the period of January through March 2010.

Brother Robert Fishburne (HRA) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD) seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Brother Ajaye asked permission to change the agenda to allow for two presentations by guests.

Brother Leo Morris of the DC 37 Political Action Department gave a presentation on the Mayor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011 and the AFSCME People program. Brother Morris also made available applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program and announced that DC 37 will be having a special program regarding Education issues with Diane Ravitch as a guest speaker on Saturday May 22.

Tessa Agasherer gave a presentation regarding her candidacy for Democratic District leader in Assembly District 43 in Brooklyn.

President's Report

Brother Ajaye began his President's report by saying that there been had no change in the status of our improper practice petition against DOE for transferring members from a competitive to a non-competitive title. Brother Ajaye said that Local 2627 has also petitioned to have the new non-competitive title accreted into 2627.

Brother Ajaye said that there had been a court ruling putting Governor Patterson's proposed furloughs on hold. He also said that the only members of Local 2627 who would have been affected are those that work at CUNY four-year colleges.

Brother Ajaye said that there is a bill in the state legislature regarding an early retirement incentive. It is uncertain if this will affect NY City workers at this time.

Brother Ajaye encouraged members to use their education benefits, which can be used to reimburse members for the cost of taking certification exams.

Brother said that the DC 37 executive board had passed a resolution opposing Arizona law SB 1070, which permits the profiling of persons suspected by the police of being undocumented immigrants.

Brother Ajaye said that the professional committee will be meeting on Tuesday May 25 at 4 PM.

Brother Ajaye said that DC 37's annual housing fair will be Thursday June 24.

Brother Ajaye thanked the Asian Heritage Committee for their work on the local's Asian Heritage Committee for their work on this year's celebration.

Brother Ajaye introduced Jon Ng who has replaced Marianela Santana as chief council representative for the local.

Brother Ajaye said there still was no agreement with the Transit Authority regarding the last 4% increase from the last contract.

Brother Ajaye said that it was too expensive for the local to print out executive board minutes and bring them to general membership meetings. Brother Ajaye said that the attendance sheet for future meetings would include a place for members to indicate that they wished to have copies of the executive board minutes e-mailed to them. Discussion of the issue of distribution of the executive board minutes followed.

Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD) made a motion that the executive board meeting minutes be distributed by request by e-mail to members. The motion was seconded by Eric Tyrer (York College). Discussion followed. Brother Ajaye said that he would send out an e-alert to all the members offering them the opportunity to have a copy of the executive board minutes sent to them by e-mail. The question was called. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Brother Artie Kellam (HRA) said that the executive board should resolve their issues internally.

Brother Keith Wilson (HRA) made a motion that it was the sense of the membership that the executive board should resolve their differences. The motion was properly seconded. Discussion followed and a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old business

There was no old business.

New business

There was no new business.

Good & Welfare

Rafael Nunez of York College had a baby boy.

Brother Robert Fishburne (HRA) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brother Michael Lanni (TRS). A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45 PM.