

AFSCME Local 2627
NYC Electronic Data Processing Personnel
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011

Agenda:
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Treasurer's Report
President's Report
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Good & Welfare

President Robert Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6.17 PM.

Brother Jablin was unable to attend because of a medical emergency.

Brother Ajaye introduced guest speaker Brother Henry Garrido, Assistant Associate Director of DC 37 to speak to the members regarding DC 37's plans to fight back against Mayor Bloomberg's attacks on the civil service system and efforts at contracting-out.

Brother Garrido discussed the cititime contract scandal and the large cost overruns in the 911 emergency system redesign contract. Brother Garrido also discussed efforts that are underway with the assistance of city comptroller John Liu to identify and monitor wasteful city contracts.

Brother Garrido said that there was a pervasive misuse of taxpayers' money inherent in the contracting-out system, as well as wasteful spending & corruption.

Brother Garrido said that DC 37 is engaged in an effort to engage and partner with other communities and community organizations to engage them in the fight to protect public services.

Brother Garrido said that our pensions, health care are under attack and the city wants to impose a wage freeze in the next contract.

Brother Garrido said that city resources were not being spent of training city information technology employees.

Brother Garrido said that Dc 37 is going to respond through to every hostile editorial and attack in the print media.

Brother Garrido also said that Dc 37 is exploring various legislative alternatives to protect our rights.

Brother Garrido said that DC 37 will be expanding its use of new media, such as facebook and google media to get our message out.

Brother Garrido encouraged members to contact him with ideas and to assist in the campaign

Minutes

No minutes were distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Brother Bruce Heigh (HRA) distributed the local's financial statements for the months of October and November 2010.

Brother Jim Ryan (CUNY) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Brother Michael Childs (HRA) seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed.

President's Report

Brother Ajaye began his President's report by saying that members were not taking advantage of the tuition reimbursement funds that the local has available. He stressed the importance of keeping our skills up-to-date

Brother Ajaye said that he and Brother Lanni had attended a housing demonstration at city hall.

Brother Ajaye discussed both Governor Cuomo's and Mayor Bloomberg's proposals and programs to weaken civil service protections and benefits.

Old Business

None

New Business

Brother Ajaye said that the local's executive board had passed a resolution in opposition to the War in Afghanistan, made by 1st vice-president Brother Gary Goff and that there would be an article about this in an upcoming issue of the Public Employee Press (PEP).

Brother Ajaye asked Brother Cody Childs, chair of the local's African-American history committee to discuss this year's celebration. Brother Childs said that the local's event theme would be "The Musical; Journey of Sam Cooke" and be held on Friday February 18.

Good and Welfare

Brother Ajaye congratulated Sister Lisa Riccio who has been promoted to Assistant Director of Research & Negotiations.

Brother Lanni read the list of good & welfare gifts sent by the local.

Brother Gene Olmstead (HRA) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brother Michael Childs (HRA). A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.15 PM.

