

General Membership Meeting Local 2627
June 22, 2011

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Financial Report
- President's Report
- Old/New Business
- Good and Welfare

Minutes:

President Ajaye called the General Membership Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. He mentioned that the purpose of this meeting is to hear the Election Committee's report, to accept the Election Committee's report, and to swear in officers. The meeting was turned over to Brother Terry Dunne.

Brother Dunne addressed some issues that were emailed by members.

Some members asked "Of all the people nominated, why did some people's names not appear on the ballot?"

Brother Dunne explained that some people who were nominated were present, but did not have a chance to decline or accept. Brother Dunne said that he reached out to a number of those people and they declined to run. Another person was nominated, but he was not a member in good standing so he could not run.

A second group of nominated people were not on the ballot because, under AFSCME rules and Robert's Rules of Order, a person can nominate only one person for a position where there is one office to fill. In the case of President and Vice President there is only one spot. If somebody nominated six or seven people for that position then that nomination is thrown to the side. Brother Jablin nominated, I think, eight people for the presidency position. I discussed this with council and AFSCME. AFSCME said that "You do not accept more than one nomination from one person for one position." We picked the first person that Jablin nominated and we assumed that that was his nomination.

At this point in the meeting, a member asked for clarification of the rules. The member wanted to know the rules that apply. Brother Dunne explained that he had the written rules, and that the member could see them when the Committee's report was finished. Florence Smith was one of the persons nominated by Brother Jablin. She was present at the nominations. She accepted and was noted as a nominee for the presidency. She was the person left on the ballot and the other people that Jablin nominated were taken off.

There were several incidences where we reached out to people where there was trouble with ballots.

Before the election started I asked AAA to send me information on any ballots that were returned to them, or any ballots that they did not mail. We got a list of 28 names where there was a name, but no address on the ballot. I found about 14 of these people. I sent email to them and I asked them to get back to me with their names and addresses so I could insure that ballots were sent to them. I think that I got 1 reply. 1 person sent me back a name and address out of the 14 people. If we didn't have contact information then I couldn't do anything else. That covers the list of items that I wanted to speak on.

An unidentified member said that she didn't nominate certain people because they were already nominated by Peter Jablin. Brother Dunne said that "We only found out from AFSCME after the nominations were completed that we didn't have to keep them on the list." Seth Solomon asked if

47 anybody was asked to review the ballot prior to its being printed? Brother Dunne said "I did." Seth
48 Solomon also asked if Brother Dunne reached out to the people that were removed from the presidents
49 election list prior to removing them? Brother Dunne said that he reached out to the ones that he could
50 contact because for many of them there was no contact information. Seth Solomon said that "You
51 basically just dropped people off of the ballot?" Brother Dunne said "That's right. They were dropped off
52 the ballot because an individual is allowed to nominate only 1 person for a position, and the first person
53 on the list of nominations accepted the nomination. So it wasn't necessary to reach out to the rest of
54 them." Seth Solomon said that the people who were in the room that night were under the impression
55 that multiple people were nominated for the president position. Seth said that the AFSCME election
56 rules require that the members be notified before moving forward with the ballot. Brother Dunne said
57 that we conferred with AFSCME and we followed their instructions. AFSCME instructed us to remove
58 those people from the ballot. Seth said that he wanted to see that correspondence. Brother Dunne said
59 that there was no correspondence. President Ajaye said that the only people removed from the ballot
60 were the additional people that Peter Jablin nominated. Everybody else in this room who nominated
61 somebody for president was included on the ballot. Peter just went down the line nominating one
62 person then the next person. Anybody who nominated somebody was on the ballot. We found out later
63 from AFSCME that a person cannot nominate multiple people for the same position. Sister Julie
64 Leibowitz said that people can protest the election if they want to.
65 Seth Solomon asked "What did you do about the 70 members?" Brother Dunne said that we don't know
66 who they are. You keep saying 70 members, but have you ever provided anyone with a list of these 70
67 members? Seth replied that he is a Shop Steward, but he is not the Membership Department. Seth said
68 the Transit Authority has a list of members who are in this local. Brother Dunne said that the local has a
69 list of 55 people, not 70 people. Brother Dunne said that he did the best that he could with what he had
70 to work with. Brother Dunne said that he did "due diligence".
71 Brother Dunne said that he answered all the questions that he needed to answer.

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73 Brother Dunne then read aloud a letter that he had sent to Brother Jablin after the election nominations
74 were made. The letter mentioned that a member can only nominate 1 person for 1 position, and
75 ineligible members are removed from the list of nominations. In such a case the first person nominated
76 is the person who goes onto the ballot. This letter was sent to Brother Jablin, but he never got back to
77 the Election Committee.

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79 There was considerable debate on the election ballot topic.
80 Brother Dunne proceeded to read the AAA certified election results (see attached letter).

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82 Brother Dunne said that there was one other point that he should have made earlier regarding the
83 position of 1st Vice President. There were 3 people running for 1st Vice President. 1 person was ineligible
84 and declined. So he was removed from the ballot. The other person declined. So he was also removed
85 from the ballot. These 2 people were not present when the nominations were conducted. Brother
86 Lanni's name wasn't put onto the ballot because Brother Lanni won by default.

87 Brother Dunne returned to the reading of the election results.
88 Brother Dunne asked for a motion to accept the AAA certified election results. Portia Perkins made a
89 motion to accept the election results. The motion was seconded.

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91 Brother Dunne opened the floor to discussion. A member asked why he did not receive a ballot until he
92 called in to ask for a ballot. Brother Dunne asked for a vote to accept the election results. There were
93 more ayes than nays. All in favor of accepting the election stood up and were counted. All against then

94 stood up and were counted. The count showed that there were 11 against and 43 in favor. There were a
95 total of 54 votes. The election results were accepted by the general membership. Brother Dunne then
96 turned the meeting over to President Ajaye.

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98 Nola Brooker swore in the elected officials.

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100 Treasurer's Report: none

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102 President's Report:
103 President Ajaye said that the union is a family. We should come together as a family. Numerous emails
104 were sent out to Transit. We have done everything possible to bring you into the Fold, but you have
105 refused to come in. We cannot help people if they want to be by themselves. We tried to have a
106 meeting at Transit and Seth Solomon stopped us. We cannot work like that. Here are some stats.

107 President Ajaye explained that we have made money, have given out \$112,000 in education
108 reimbursement, almost \$13,000 in Good and Welfare; we've given to every major catastrophe nationally
109 and internationally. We have given money to our political allies. We have increased our membership.
110 We have increased our treasury. We have a robust web page, and a robust database. Members have
111 helped to develop our database.

112 President Ajaye reminded the membership that Seth Solomon refused to bring the President and the
113 DC37 Director of Pensions to a meeting at Transit. That is anti-union and that is chargeable. Seth then
114 wanted to end the meeting.

115 Brother Ajaye made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The ayes won. The meeting was adjourned.
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117 Old Business: none

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119 New Business: none

120 Good & Welfare: none

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