

Local 2627
District Council 37
General Membership Meeting
March 20th, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm, by Robert Ajaye, President.
There was a quorum.

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

- Robert Ajaye, President
- Michael Lanni, 1st Vice President
- Gene Olmstead, 2nd Vice President (Excused)
- Bruce Heigh, Treasurer
- Ethan Dumeyer, Secretary
- Cody Childs, Executive Board Member
- Robert Fishburne, Executive Board Member
- Patricia Taylor, Executive Board Member
- Susie Yuen, Executive Board Member

First order of business:

Former secretary Judy Briggs resigned on February 28th, 2012. The Executive Board voted unanimously to appoint Ethan Dumeyer as the new secretary of Local 2627.

Agenda:

- Minutes
- Nominations & Election of Eight (8) Delegates to the AFSCME International Convention June 18-22, 2012
- Treasurer's Report
- 2012 Budget
- President's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Good & Welfare

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Brother Lewis of DEP and seconded by Brother Azor of CUNY. A vote was taken. The motion passed to accept the Minutes.

A second set of minutes that were not produced by the previous secretary but produced from the tape from May 17th 2011 were included in the handouts for review.

Nominations & Elections

Moving right along with nominations for delegates to go to the AFSCME Convention 2012 which will be held in Los Angeles from the 16th to the 23rd of June; delegates will need to use annual leave to attend this convention. DC37 made a request for 9 delegates; brother Ajaye automatically gains a seat as President of the Local. If the number of delegates drops to 8; as in the past, the Nominee with the 8th most votes will not be a delegate to the AFSCME Convention.

48 Francis Reyes of NYPD, Terry Dunne of CUNY and Daniel Ranells of DOE will not participate in the AFSCME
49 Convention 2012 and have been chosen to count the ballots.

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51 (Nominations opens, results of the election committee based on nominations and votes listed below.)
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53 Mike Sturza of DoITT makes motion to amend the agenda for a 5 minute presentation, there was a second. A
54 vote was taken and the motion fails with aye's having 22 and nay's having 36.
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56 Treasurer's Report

57 Four reports compiled and reported for review by brother Heigh.
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59 A motion to except the treasurer's report was made by brother McClain of HRA and seconded by brother
60 Fishburne. A vote was taken the motion carries.
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62 Report 1: Financial statement for December 2011.

63 Report 2: Financial statement for calendar year 2011.

64 Report 3: Financial statement for January 2012.

65 Report 4: Projected budget of calendar year 2012.
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67 With executive board approval officer allowance has been raised \$10,000.00 for budgeted calendar year
68 2012. Executive board stipends haven't been increased in over 25 years; it was raised and approved at
69 executive board level at a time when the Local's treasury has been increased over \$250,000.00 by current
70 administration. On the same note Local 2627 has contributed money to every major catastrophe, education,
71 political causes, good and welfare. In future the possibility to provide footnotes for new changes and/or
72 increases will be considered.
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74 An expense of \$19,000.00 is currently under negotiation with AAA for a reduction since it previously was
75 \$11,000.00.
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77 A motion to approve the budget was made by brother McClain, and seconded by brother Fishburne. There
78 was a vote and the motion passed.
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80 President's Report

81 Brother Ng presents to the general membership the Tier 6 plans and how people not in the pension plan need to
82 join Tier 4 before March 31st.
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84 Brother Ajaye informs the membership about the listing produced by DC37 with the names of those who voted
85 for Tier 6 despite the acceptance of campaign contributions for support.
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87 UVP plan for DEP water processing has been protected from privatization by local law 35. This law and protection
88 was afforded to city workers due to the value our brothers and sisters provide in comparison to the private
89 sector.
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91 Telecom titles have effectively been renamed with the elimination of the specialist title. The equivalent to the
92 specialist title is now the associate level 4 which should be a complete equivalent and if there are differences
93 please inform your Union!
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95 Tier 6 is not a pension we want to be in for several reasons such as 63 years of age until retirement, a sliding
96 scale system with a direct percentage. Brother Ng urges everyone to join Tier 4 before it's too late and sign up for
97 buy back immediately. Since this came directly from Albany and Governor Cuomo the City Council doesn't have
98 to act on it, it's a done deal!
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100 New York constitution is the only state that guarantees its pensions and with Tier 4 25 years for a full pension
101 and just 10 years to contribute and you don't even need to pay into it. NYCERS is the strongest pension system in
102 the country.

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104 Agencies cannot bar email for just Union activities. DEP took this to court and they lost, Local 2627 can send
105 email to your work email by law. Recently a teacher who was fired in 2008 overturns a case with email use and
106 wins with back pay and optional reinstatement.

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108 **Old Business**

109 None.

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111 **New Business**

112 A motion was made by brother Sturza of DoITT for Local 2627 to send a letter of protest to Washington. The
113 motion gets seconded by brother Fishburne. A vote is taken and the motion passes to send the letter.

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115 Election committee is finished; there is a quorum with an exact count of 54 people. The full listing of nominations
116 and the number of votes for each is as follows:

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118 Cody Childs (59), Mike Lanni (58), Gene Olmstead (50), Artie Kellam (49), Bruce Heigh (44), Julie Leibowitz
119 (44), Charles McClain (38), Donald Chin (24), Mohammad Chowdhery (23), Raul Mazon (22), Eric Zeto (20),
120 Seth Salmon (20), Raquel Alorzo-Martinez (19), Raymond Falcon (18), Lemuel Torton (16), Dorren Black (16),
121 Max Henri Luis Jacque (12), William Cabasa (8), Adrain Gellieu (7).

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123 A motion is made to accept the election committee's report and the vote passes.

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125 The city and unions are not negotiating with unacceptable terms such as 0, 0, 0, 2, 2 furloughs and givebacks like
126 the state agreed to. The City-Wide contract is the model other agencies such as CUNY will use in general also.

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129 **Good & Welfare**

130 None.

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132 A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. A vote was taken, the motion passes.

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MOTION:
by Mike Sturza, DoITT

That Local 2627 immediately send a letter on Local stationery to the Cowlitz County Prosecutor with copies to the Governor and State Attorney General of Washington, ILWU Local 21 and International Presidents and Partisan Defense Committee stating:

"Local 2627 protests the vindictive, anti-union prosecution of ILWU members and their supporters for their efforts to defend their jobs and union representation at the EGT terminal in Longview. Even after a settlement has been reached between EGT and the ILWU, your office continues to manufacture new charges months later, including felonies, against those who rallied to the union's defense.

We demand an end to this persecution and that all charges against ILWU members and their supporters be dropped immediately."

The following is the contact information to send protest letter to Cowlitz County Prosecutor, Susan I. Baur:

Susan I. Baur
Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney
Hall of Justice, Room 105
312 SW 1st Ave.
Kelso, WA 98626
Fax: (360) 414- 9121

Please forward copies of protest letter to the following:

Governor Christine Gregoire
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002
Fax: (360) 753-4110

Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna
1125 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100
Fax: (360) 664-0228

President Dan Coffman, Executive Board
& Members of ILWU Local 21
617 Fourteenth Ave
Longview WA 98632
Fax: (360) 423-0642
ilwu21@iinet.com

President Robert McEllrath, IBB & Coast Committeemen
ILWU International
1188 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco CA 94109-6800
Fax: (415) 775-1302
Info@ilwu.org

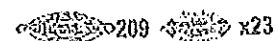
Partisan Defense Committee
P.O. Box 99
Canal Street Station
New York, NY 10013
partisandefense@earthlink.net

Shame on those New York City legislators who
voted YES on Tier 6!!

The following Assemblymembers voted against
working families by voting for Tier 6:

Carmen Arroyo (D)
Felix Ortiz (D)
Michael Benedetto (D)
James Brennan (D)
Alec Brook-Krasny (D)
Michael Cusick (D)
Steven Cymbrowitz (D)
Herman "Denny" Farrell Jr. (D)
Phillip Goldfeder (D)
Richard Gottfried (D)
Andrew Hevesi (D)
Brian Kavanagh (D)
Joseph Lentol (D)
Nicole Malliotakis (R)
Margaret Markey (D)
Catherine Nolan (D)
Daniel O'Donnell (D)
Nick Perry (D)
Gary Pretlow (D)
Dan Quart (D)
Peter Rivera (D)
Robert Rodriguez (D)
Linda Rosenthal (D)
Aravella Simotas (D)
Matthew Titone (D)
Lou Tobacco (R)
Helen Weinstein (D)
David Weprin (D)

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**Thank you to those New York City legislators who
stood by working families by voting NO on Tier 6!!**

Senators who said NO:

Jeffrey Klein (IDC)
Diane Savino (IDC)
Daniel Squadron (D)

Assemblymembers who said NO:

Peter Abbate (D)
Jeffrion Aubry (D)
Inez Barron (D)
William Boyland, Jr. (D)
Karim Camara (D)
Nelson Castro (D)
William Colton (D)
Vivian Cook (D)
Marcos Crespo (D)
Jeffrey Dinowitz (D)
Vanessa Gibson (D)
Deborah Glick (D)
Rhoda Jacobs (D)
Hakeem Jeffries (D)
Micah Kellner (D)
Rory Lancman (D)
Guillermo Linares (D)
Alan Maisel (D)
Grace Meng (D)
Michael Miller (D)
Joan Millman (D)
Francisco Moya (D)
Jose Rivera (D)
Naomi Rivera (D)
Eric Stevenson (D)
Michele Titus (D)



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