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**Local 2627
District Council 37
General Membership Meeting
January 15, 2013**

The Local 2627 General Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:07PM.

There was a quorum in attendance.

President Ajaye announced that Ethan Dumeyer resigned as Secretary of Local 2627 due to personal commitments and Brother Dunne replaced him.

Agenda:

- Report from DC 37 on Health and Welfare Issues
- Trustees Report
- Education
- President's Report
- Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Good and Welfare
- Old Business
- New Business

Report from DC 37 on Health and Welfare Issues

Dennis Dean the Director of Field Services for DC 37 addressed the meeting about membership service. The focus of Brother Dean's address was to explain how services were being provided to members with the DC 37 offices being spread around the city as a result of the damages caused to DC 37 headquarters by Super Storm Sandy. Brother Dean commented that Local 2627 had the best phone number listings in the city with regards to members obtaining services. He went on to say that health and security offices are now located at 1407 Broadway (corner of 39th Street and Broadway) on the 10th floor room 1001. He suggested that if you have issues that you have to address go to their offices in person. Drug benefits are up and running, after that is disability and other benefits are being addressed after that. He stated that dental benefits were backlogged before Sandy and they have now been compounded. They are now working their way through the backlog and are starting to move ahead since they are now fully staffed and equipped. If you do have to call for benefits the number is 212-815-1111. Anyone planning to retire before the retirement department gets back to their offices they can go to the Retirement Counseling Department at 65 Court Street in Brooklyn. He mentioned that NYCERS currently is funded at 43.6 billion dollars and is one of the best funded public employee retirement systems in the country. This has been done by having a diverse portfolio. Brother Dean gave the local members his cell number in the event that they are trying to resolve something concerning retirement and need help (917-991-3744).

Mark Herman BURST asked about processing time for dental claims and was told as stated earlier they are doing their best to address them as quickly as possible. Veronica Taylor NYC Dept. of Design and Construction asked about eyeglasses and stated that she was not eligible for glasses until

48 April when she called and was told that she could go to the DC 37 optical office for replacement
49 lenses. Howard Torbiner NYCHA stated that his dentist was threatening to pull out of DC 37 dental
50 because of non-payment and was told that a time line for payments was not available. Rosalyn
51 Alexander, CUNY asked will members who lay out money for dental bills be reimbursed? Yes as per
52 fee schedule as claims are processed. Vincent Saul DOITT retired and has not received a cobra form
53 was told to go to 1407 Broadway and pick up the form instead of waiting for it to come in the mail.
54 Member (name inaudible) stated that he was not able to call and make an appointment for the
55 dental office on Chambers St and was told to go there for best results. CUNY name inaudible was
56 told to go up to 1407 Broadway and pick up an optical voucher if he can't get through on the phone.
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58 Trustees Report

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60 Artie Kelem and Mohammad Chowdhury Trustees read the trustees report the year ending
61 December 31, 2011. And stated all questions would be addressed by our auditor and the treasurer.
62 A copy of the report was distributed to the members. Charles McClain of HRA asked what the
63 insurance consisted of and was told by Brother Heigh that it consisted of two items a surety bond
64 premium payable to AFSCME of about \$600 and \$2900 for Directors and Officers liability insurance.
65 Member asked why it took a year for the Trustees Report and was told that it normally is given in
66 the later part of the year but was delayed additionally by the disruption caused by the storm and
67 cancelation of meetings. Brother McClain of HRA made a motion to accept the Trustees report. The
68 motion was seconded by Brother Areno DOC. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
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77 Education

78 1st Vice President Lanni addressed the membership on the importance of education and the Locals
79 assistance to the members in funding education. He introduced Jonathan Richardson of Enterprise
80 Training to speak about their program. Mr Richardson spoke of their self-paced training and their
81 live online instructor based training which generally run during the day. For further information you
82 can go to www.enterprisetraining.com/local2627. Brother Dunne asked why he can't access his
83 certificates of completion and was told that it would be checked out for him.
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86 Minutes

87 Motion to accept the minutes by Brother (inaudible) from DOC and seconded by Brother Fishburne
88 . A vote was taken for the motion to accept the minutes and the vote passed.
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91 President's Report

92 There are no exams for titles and we are suing DCAS to get exams issued. You should be doing
93 everything to insure that you increase your worth for employment. Don't just go out to retire plan
94 for it and go out and see the people in the retirement department to be sure you are moving in the
95 right direction. There was a discussion with Brother Goldberg concerning reclassification (please

96 note that a large part of the conversation was not audible). President Ajaye discussed some of the
97 things that were being done by DCAS that are holding our members back are things like not picking
98 people off of lists etc. They were changing titles with no notification President Ajaye stated that if
99 you hear or see something going wrong say something. Artie Kelem suggested that there should be
100 something on our web page about DB 72. Gene Olmstead from HRA stated that if you are called off
101 of a Civil Service list you do not have to file a DB72. President Ajaye introduced our council reps
102 Dana Tilghman, John Eg and Raul Martinez.
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104 Treasurer's Report

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112 Good & Welfare

GOOD AND WELFARE 1/15/2013

Agency	Receptent Name	Gift	Comment
CUNY-City College	Sandy Ko	Plant	Member passed away. We sent a plant to his sister.
CUNY-Laguardia	Maryann Platz	Donation	Member Robert Platz passed away. His mother wanted a donation for cancer research.
DEP	Dominique Thongs	Fruit Basket	Dominique's father passed away.
DOF	Richard Donovan	Fruit Basket	His sister passed away.
DOF	Daniel Rohan	Fruit Basket	His brother passed away.
DOF	Michael Hala	Fruit Basket	He had surgery and is recovering.
FDNY	Sergey Krakinovski	Fruit Basket	His mother passed away.
HRA <i>THANK YOU. CRF</i>	Robert Bascetta	Flowers	His father passed away. Flowers to Funeral Home.
NYCHA	Nilsa Gonzales	Fruit Basket	Her brother passed away.
NYCHA	Compton Thomas	Fruit Basket	His brother passed away.
NYCHA	Louis Arfe	Fruit Basket	He is recovering from surgery.
NYCHA	William Cabezas	Fruit Basket	His father passed away.
NYCHA	Warren Kelly	Fruit Basket	He is recovering from surgery.
NYCHA	Natalya Posternak	Fruit Basket	Her father-in-law passed away.

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Old Business

None.

New Business

Brother Kelem made an announcement that we would be able to order Local 2627 Tee shirts for anyone wanted them. However they would be ordered in groups of at least 26 in order to get a volume discount. Anyone wanting to order them may have to wait until we have sufficient quantity to get the discounted price.