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**Local 2627
District Council 37
General Membership Meeting
March 18, 2013**

The Local 2627 General Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:08PM.
There was not a quorum in attendance.

Agenda:

- Minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurers Report
- Good and Welfare
- Old Business
- New Business

Minutes

President Ajaye asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Sister Taylor of DEC made a motion to accept the minutes it was seconded by Brother Rogers of FIZER. President Ajaye stated that we won't be able to make a motion to accept the minutes because there was not a quorum present. We continued to review the minutes and make corrections but motions and votes to accept the minutes would have to be postponed until the next General Membership Meeting. Brother Kellam asked that the spelling of his name be corrected in all places that it was misspelled. No other corrections were noted.

Treasurers Report

President Ajaye announced that there would not be a treasurer's report because the treasurer had a prior commitment and could not attend. This was partly due to the change in days from the normal Tuesday to Monday. He also announced that the Executive Board had accepted the 2013 budget but that would be reviewed and voted on at the next general meeting when the treasurer was in attendance.

President's Report

President Ajaye informed the members who didn't notice it on their pay stud that dues are no \$22.83 this is due to an increase by AFSCME. He mentioned that transit employees only get longevity in the amount \$327.00 because transit has not yet negotiated longevity with the union. Agencies like NYCTA, CUNY, etc. generally will wait until they can copy what the mayoral agencies do as far as contracts are concerned and mirror them thus the delay in longevity. President Ajaye mentioned that in 1916 union membership was 11.2 % of the total US work force in the 1940 thru the 1970's that number was 35 % today it is back to 11.3%. This is mentioned to get across the point that unions are under attack in all sectors. Many public sector unions throughout

48 the country have lost pensions and other benefits. Things like this are the types of things that we
49 should be aware of and are good reasons for us to be united in solidarity and the best way to do this
50 is to vote at all levels, local, state and federal.

51 The workers in this city are under attack, just recently transit fares have increased, tolls on bridges
52 and tunnels have doubled, OTB has been eliminated concessions at Coney Island have been closed
53 just to mention a few not only are we being attacked on the job front but our pocket books are
54 being gradually picked by this administration. The next thing that happens the mayor brings or
55 attempts to bring many of the things back under private contractors. This mayor has created more
56 concession contracts than all other mayors combined in the almost 400 years of New York City
57 history. We the activists have to spread the word let our members know what is happening and get
58 them involved. The members of HRA started 2627 40 years ago, they still take a very active role in
59 our union. When there is a union meeting at HRA there is a large turnout other agencies only a
60 handful show, management sees this and disrespects us. The mayor is getting over, all of the savings
61 that the city has reaped because of unions mean something but where have they?

62 The City is giving contracts away, 911, city time etc. all over budget and what happens to our
63 members the city is attempting to replace them with contractors. Management violates HIPAA
64 laws, management can't violate these laws but they still try. John Lew is the only man currently in
65 political office that stands up with unions we should have his back. Most members become active
66 union members because they become disgusted with the management at their agencies, why must
67 it get to that point, get your brothers and sisters involved. We must stick together if we want to
68 survive.

69 NYC Pension Plan is the best funded pension in the country \$46 billion. So how can NY say we don't
70 have pension money. It's our duty to protect what we have now, for us, for our future members
71 and our children.

72 The city council passed local law 35 and the Bloomberg administration circumvents it with a new
73 quasi-public corporations. Work with your union so your union can work for you.

74 Julie Liebowitz mentioned that Christine Quinn's campaign is showing bad stats in polls for John
75 Lew, we need to mobilize and get the truth out. If we don't we'll end up with Bloomberg's little
76 #\$\$&# for the new mayor.

77 President Ajaye informed us that there are temperatures standards that your agency must maintain
78 in your location, these have been posted on our website in the event you have a problem at your
79 workplace. If you are asked to go to a meeting and you think that it is disciplinary action ask to have
80 union representation it can't be denied.

81 MELS (Municipal Employees Legal Services) is there for everything with the exception of criminal
82 actions all personal legal services can be handled for you free of charge by MELS. You have the
83 benefit use it. If you can't get them call the office don't e-mail for problems call it's, easier for the
84 President and the 1st Vice President to handle it with the number of e-mail they get a call works
85 better for them and you.

86 DEP has been violating so many things that on the March 27 21 locals will meet to set up a strategy
87 to stop the nonsenses that DEP is doing.

88 President Ajaye will be sending a memo to research and negotiations giving a list of exams needed by
89 our member, because our legal department found a loop hole that will force DCAS to give tests.
90 There are four memos to different agencies from Lillian Roberts filing a step 2 grievance about
91 compensation during Super Storm Sandy. The agencies are CUNY, Mayoral, Transit and NYCHA.
92 Artie Kellam and Julie Liebowitz brought up many issues concerning what conditions prevailed
93 during Super Storm Sandy President Ajaye said that DC 37 was well aware of them and will be
94 addressing them in the grievance procedure and future negotiations.

95 Veronica Taylor asked about going from one title to another and was told the best thing to do was
 96 to get certifications. One of the titles she mentioned was supervisor computer tech is education and
 97 experience so you need to have that plus certifications. Ed Chin Sanitation Dept. asked about
 98 training material for supervisor computer tech and was told that Craig Adams taught the class and
 99 may be a person to talk to about training. Brother Olmstead said that there may be a on the title
 100 available thru the Civil Service Book Store at 38 Lispanard St. DC 37 Personal Services is giving out
 101 grants to people effected by Super Storm Sandy through the Help Your Own Fund. The Scholarship
 102 Fund will be worked on as far as distribution of the funds are concerned by the Trustees and the
 103 Vice Presidents once a procedure is established it will be voted on by the general membership and
 104 that should be happening soon.

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106 New Business

107 Brother Surgis DOITT Spoke about a lawyer Lynn Stewart who has been charged with violating the
 108 anti-terrorism guidellnes was sentenced to ten years in prison. She now has cancer and a letter was
 109 to the Attorney General asking for relief of Ms. Stewart It was signed by 27 members of 2627 from
 110 DOITT and sent to Attorney General.

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<u>Receplent Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Gift</u>	<u>Description</u>
Noel Ramos	DCAS	Donation	Noel's wife had a baby. Donation to MS Society.
Joy Sutherland	DOB	Fruit Basket	Joy is recovering from the flu.
Phil Ciura	DOF	Fruit Basket	His sister passed away.
Moses Vargas	FDNY	Donation	His wife had a baby. Donation to March Of Dimes
Michelle Francis- Arnold	HHC	Fruit Basket	Her brother passed away.
Joe Annese	HRA	Fruit Basket	Joe's father passed away.
Edwin Delgado	HRA	Fruit Basket	Union member Edwin passed away.
Dilcy Benn	Local1505	Plant	Dilcy is recovering from surgery.
Michelle Blackstock	Local371	Fruit Basket	She is recovering from an illness.
Harold Teichman	NYPD	Donation	Harold's father passed away. Donate to City Harvest.

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115 A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Macclain of HRA the motion was seconded by Josephine
 116 Adaolg of CUNY. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.