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Local 2627

District Council 37

AFSCME AFL-CIO

General Membership Meeting

June 16, 2015

Minutes

Treasurers Report

Presidents Report

Old Business

New Business

Good and Welfare

President Ajaye called the meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. there was not a quorum.

- **Minutes**

President Ajaye stated that if we did not have a quorum we would not be allowed to vote to accept the minutes. There was no quorum. The minutes could not be accepted.

- **Treasurer's Report**

No motions could be made regarding the Treasurers Report because we did not have a quorum. The Treasurer's report could not be accepted.

- **Special Election - Trustee**

Brother Kellam stated that no one in HRA received the meeting notice. There was discussion about the mailing and why the cards never made it to the members. President Ajaye did his due diligence and submitted the cards to be mailed after the last meeting. The cards need to be mailed out with at least 15 days because of the election.

We are unable to make motions on anything but the election will take place. President Ajaye asked for a volunteer to count the ballots. The Trustees are staggered. This election will be for one Trustee. The nominations are open and Artie Kellam was nominated for trustee. There were no additional nominees for Trustees and Arte Kellam elected as Trustee. He will be sworn in during the September meeting.

- **Presidents Report**

33 President Ajaye discussed an article in the NY Times called Labors Last Stand discussing how
34 the unions are getting wiped out. He encouraged the members to google the article. He did read
35 excerpts of the article addressing the Right-to-Work states. He discussed the “divide and
36 conquer” strategy that is pitting the unions against the workers.

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38 NYC PD is moving most of their hot IT work to NJ. Whatever they don't move to NJ, they are
39 moving to Metrotech. They are putting all of our emergency resources in Metrotech.

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41 There was a rally last Thursday at NYPD regarding the civilianization of NYPD. The focus is to
42 get the cops back on the street. The turnout was extremely low.

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44 President Ajaye read a memo regarding the reduction of outsourcing and the implementation of
45 insourcing. Local 2627 will be taking over the jobs that would normally go to consultants. Brother
46 Kellam inquired about the start of this insourcing. President Ajaye will meet with Henry and try to
47 get the list of postings. He also encouraged the members to brush up on their skills.

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49 NYCHA had a pilot program for 3 years for the telecommunicating program and compressed
50 schedule. It was thrown out and now there is a new pilot program as of May 27th. The
51 productivity changes will be analyzed around the fall. There were 3 targeted areas and nothing
52 was really discussed for the compressed schedule.

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54 The Computer Aide Exam – we had Charlie Colorado volunteer on the test validation board. It was
55 adopted with no changes and the list was certified as of June 3, 2015

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57 A request to members went out to the members via ealert for 3 volunteers to be part of the
58 validation board for the Computer Service Tech exam. Murdock Haskins is one of the people
59 who volunteered. He gave the prep class. There were 2 other members who volunteered.
60 President Ajaye received many calls regarding the fantastic job Brother Haskins did for the prep
61 class. He was applauded for his efforts.

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63 Certified IT Lan and WAN. These titles are being merged into one title with a level being added
64 to maintain the salary range. This title will still have the longevity differential attached to it.

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66 President Ajaye found out that telecom titles did not have the “hard to recruit” designation so the
67 Local submitted a letter on 6/3 to Stacey Cumberbatch requesting that the following titles be
68 added to the “hard to recruit” title list under administrative code 12121. They are
69 telecommunications associate data and voice, telecom specialist data and voice. The local is
70 waiting for a response.

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72 OPA is going to be at 410 West 33rd Street

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74 Computer Operations Manager and Computer Systems Manager and Telecom Communications
75 manager. DC37 is trying to get these titles to become part of Local 2627.

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77 President Ajaye reported on the status of organizing these titles at HHC. There was a big
78 meeting at DC37 with these group of people. Nicole was the organizer. DC37 had an entire
79 group of people in the meeting to show the benefits of belonging to our union. There was only
80 one person who attended. It seems that they have night shift and half of the potential members

81 would have been unable to attend because they were on shift. It bring into question the
82 effectiveness of the organizer.

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84 Mabstoa has also been an issue. President Ajaye provided DC37 a list of 2000 members to the
85 organizing dept 4 years ago and nothing was accomplished.

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87 There is optimism that things will change now that Henry is diligently working to correct the flaws
88 in the council. There was additional discussion regarding this.

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90 President Ajaye reminded the members about the Labor Day Parade. We must participate and
91 have a show that labor comes out and is involved. There was discussion.

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93 • **Old Business**

94 No old business

95 • **New Business**

96 Sister Leibowitz reported on the Civil Service Committee meeting that Commissioner
97 Cumberbatch attended. DC37 brought up serious issues and they seemed receptive. Other
98 glitches regarding the online application will be reviewed. The meeting went well but more
99 could have attended.

100 Discussion was held regarding taking exams / getting certified and having an underlying Civil
101 Service title. There are mixed feelings about taking an exam in a lower title and then being
102 made a step-up provisional. Members need to get things in writing and members need to be off
103 probation. Sister Leibowitz reminded that it is imperitave that you fill out all of the required
104 fields. You can get rejected if you do not fill out all of the fields. She also mentioned that you
105 can request that probation be waived up to the last 3 months. Jon Ng reminded the members
106 that they have to work in the field and President Ajaye reminded that your probation gets
107 extended if you are on vacation.

108 Brother Lanni thanked the Child Scholarship Committee, Artie Kellam, Mohammad Chowdhury
109 and Frank Duram for all of their hard work. There are new guidelines and editable applicatons.
110 The applilication period was moved a month later to allow applicants to get the required
111 transcripts. The lottery will be held during the November GM meeting

112 Jon Ng will be attending local chapter meetings to organize all the city employees. If you have
113 no union, you have no benefits. This is very serious. All members need to be active and
114 involved. DC37 needs the name and numbers of the members. We do not want what happened
115 in Wisconson to happen to us. Our pensions are at risk. There was additional discussion.

116 President Ajaye discussed the importance of being a registered voter and voting. He also cited
117 what happened to OTB and its retirees. They lost their pension and medical. He also discussed
118 the importance of donating to P.E.O.P.L.E.

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120 **Good and Welfare**

Terry Saunders	NYPD	She is recovering from surgery.
Kevin Jenkins	Doitt	He is recovering from an illness.
Joselyn Cordero	HHC	Her grandmother died.
Les Hurd	HHC	His father passed away.
Dan Rohan	DOF	Hist mother-in-law passed away.
Charlie Collura	Doitt	His mother passed away.

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122 The meeting ended at 7:21 PM.