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General Membership Meeting

May June21, 2016

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President Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6:22 P.M. There was a quorum. It was seconded. The motion passed.

President Ajaye explained to the members that the reason we have back to back meetings May and June is to elect the Trustees. The Trustee is a 3 year term. This ensures the trustees can revolve and be there at the same time.

- **Election**

Dana Tilghman and Mohammad Chowdhury will be counting the ballots. Dana explained the nomination process and then opened up the nominations for Trustee. Sister Veronica Taylor (DDC) nominated Brother Frank Durham. There were no other nominations. Brother Frank Durham is the 3 year trustee.

Minutes

Brother Albert Knowles made the motion to accept the May 17th minutes. It was seconded. The motion to accept the May 17th minutes passed.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Sister Julie Leibowitz (HPD) made the motion to accept the May 17th Treasurer's Report. It was seconded. Brother Dunne wanted to mention the status with the money from the MCU Account. The concern is the safety of the money and yielding the best return. The option of Treasury Bonds is being reviewed. There was discussion. The motion passed.

- **Presidents Report**

President Ajaye brought in two speakers to talk to the membership on Health and Worker's Comp issues.

Dr. Frankel was the first presenter. He is a Cardiologist who participates in a lot of health fairs. He gave very good information about people who are at risk for

39 strokes and heart attacks. There are many tests and indicators that can be
40 reviewed when trying to prevent this.

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42 The second presenter was Lisa Knowel from Central Medical Services. She was
43 educating the members regarding many Worker's Comp issues. She reminded
44 the members that Section 71 states that you lose your job after being out for one
45 year. When you use your primary care physician for work related medical issues
46 and you lose your job, you lose your medical coverage. If you go through
47 Worker's Comp, your medical stays with your for life. Major Medical is strictly for
48 personal injuries. No Fault is for car accidents and Worker's Comp is for work
49 related injuries. Her company reviews and analyzes the injury and stays with the
50 employee the entire time, assisting with the forms, doctors and ensuring that the
51 employee gets treatment and assistance. In the event of an emergency the
52 employee should go to the emergency room. Many times the employee is asked
53 for the Worker's Comp Number when trying to get treatment. Central Medical
54 Services will see clients and treat them without getting the Workers
55 Compensation numbers. There are no out of pocket costs with Workers Comp,
56 including travel time. Sister Leibowitz reminded the members that the only time
57 covered are full days off. Lisa educated the members by informing them about
58 scheduled loss of use, the time frames to make the report, file the claim and
59 reopen the case. There was additional discussion as she answered questions
60 from the members.

61 President Ajaye encouraged the members to take advantage to these type of
62 services. The Local is going to try and set up a fair to bring these people back.

63 The CUNY contract has been resolved. It will run from November 1, 2009 –
64 January 2017. The payment dates are all on May 1st for the years 2011-2016.
65 The contract will be mailed out to all of the CUNY members who will need to vote
66 for it to be ratified. The payment rates are 1%, 1%, 2.5%, 2%, 2%, and 1.5%.
67 This will all be compounded and there will be retroactive pay. This will be a large
68 lump sum payment for the CUNY members. In addition there will be the \$1000
69 signing bonus. President Ajaye thanked Brother Jim Ryan who sat on the
70 negotiation committee. Sister Donna the Shop Steward from City College was
71 there as well. President Ajaye was unable to make the last meeting so 1st VP
72 Mike Lanni sat in for him.

73 You must be on payroll in order to get the \$1000 signing bonus.

74 President Ajaye strongly encouraged the members to attend the Labor Day
75 Parade on September 10th.

76 The next election, which is in June 2017 there might be an addition to the ballot
77 to change the Local's name to the IT Local so our name is relevant to the times.

78 President Ajaye displayed the new pins for the Local. The background is now
79 blue instead of green.

80 President Ajaye strongly encouraged the members to go out and vote. It is
81 important to hold the elected officials accountable. The politicians are not afraid
82 of the union members. We need to come out to the polls and show them we
83 have voting strength and take voting seriously.

84 President Ajaye reported that the T-shirts are not being ordered, but if members
85 would like to put some money in to purchase them they can. All Executive Board
86 Members get a Jacket and the Shop Stewards get one upon completion of the

87 Shop Steward class. If anyone would like a jacket they can purchase it for
88 \$87.50. Sister Julie Leibowitz suggested holding off ordering the Jacket until our
89 name is changed. We might get a better rate if we order in bulk.

90 President Ajaye recommended to the membership that they consider modifying
91 how members receive the supplemental benefits for example to be a member in
92 good standing for a period of time, not right away.

93 The Local does not allow cash receipts for education reimbursement. This is to
94 ensure that all claims coming in are valid classes.

95 **Old Business**

96 A question was asked about how the Local was going to use the .52 increase.
97 The Local is still negotiating on this and exploring the possibility of getting a RIP.

98 President Ajaye reminded the members that the \$1000 signing bonus is
99 pensionable. Sister Leibowitz clarified that the signing bonus is only pensionable
100 if it is used the year of retirement.

101 **New Business**

102 Brother Dunne reported that during the meeting at the Central Labor Council it
103 was mentioned that Nabisco is thinking of moving it's Chicago facility to Mexico.
104 It would take away 600 union jobs and 1800 support jobs. They want people to
105 not buy any product that says made in Mexico and to let the managers know that
106 you will not buy products made in Mexico. President Ajaye mentioned that we do
107 not purchase Coca Cola products due to their anti-union position.

108 President Ajays reported that there is still now word on the Computer Specialist
109 and Computer Associate Exams. The only thing at that he knows is that it will be
110 Education & Experience

111 Brother Kellam wanted to remind the members that the child scholarship will be
112 online July 1st. President Ajaye reminded the members that if they applied and
113 did not win, they are eligible to apply again.

114 **Good and Welfare**

Caroline Alexander	HRA	She is recovering from an illness.
Leonard Mihsen	NYCHA	His father passed away.
Tanuja Ratnala	DOF	Her father passed away.
Dilcy Benn	DC37	L1505 Parks. Her father passed away.
Vernon Chambers	Transit	The member, he passed away.

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116 A motion to adjourn was made. It was seconded. The meeting ended at 7:39 PM.