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**Local 2627**

**District Council 37**

**AFSCME AFL-CIO**

**General Membership Meeting**

**November 15, 2016**

**Minutes**

**Treasurers Report**

**Local 2627 Education Scholarship Drawing**

**Presidents Report**

**Special Presentation**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Good and Welfare**

President Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M. There was a quorum.

**Minutes**

President Ajaye asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the September 20, 2016 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brother Jim Ryan (CUNY). Brother Marlin Daniel (CUNY) seconded. A vote to accept the minutes was taken and passed.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Dunne noticed a mistake to the report. He will submit a revised report.

Sister Frances Reyes (NYPD) made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Brother Chris Inguamta (DOE) seconded. A vote to accept the Treasurer's Report was taken and passed.

**Local 2627 Education Scholarship Drawing**

There were 13 eligible applicants for the Local 2627 Education Scholarship. The drawing will pick 5 of the 13 using the bingo ball dispenser. There are balls numbered 1-14 with 13 missing. The Trustees, Brothers Artie Kellam, Kalpesh Patel and Frank Durham, were the ones who reviewed the eligibility of the submitted applicants. Brothers Kellam and Patel were at the meeting to conduct the drawing. The winners are:

Anthony Fung Quee – Member      Michael Fung Quee – Student

Tony Andreanidis – Member                      Sabrina Andreanidis – Student

Dina Perli – Member                      Simona Perli – Student

32 Chris Inguanta – Member Phillip Inguanta – Student

33 Michelle Hodelin – Member Daquan Bennett – Student

34• **Presidents Report**

35 President Ajaye wanted to discuss stipend increases with the membership and what was  
36 discussed at the last Executive Board (Eboard) meeting. There have been increases in the  
37 stipends for some of the positions in the Local so the Eboard reviewed the rest of the stipends.  
38 Since these stipends have not been increased in many years the Eboard discussed additional  
39 increases and made two motions. The first motion was to increase the stipend for the Delegates  
40 to the Central Labor Council and to DC37. The Delegates were receiving \$36 before taxes. The  
41 motion was to raise the stipend to \$100 pre-tax income making the take home about \$50. The  
42 other motion made was to increase the discretionary money the President is allowed to spend.  
43 The current dollar amount the President is allowed to spend without Eboard approval is \$100.  
44 This dollar amount has not increased in about 25 years. It is difficult for the President to do  
45 business with that limitation, especially since the cost of everything has increased dramatically.  
46 The motion is to increase the discretionary money to \$250. Brother Mitchell Goldberg (NYCHA)  
47 asked for a point of order. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the \$100 discretionary  
48 money is embedded in the Local's Constitution. In order to adjust the amount, you need to ask  
49 for an amendment to the Constitution. Brother Jim Ryan looked up the Constitution on the Locals  
50 website. His interpretation is that it states the Eboard has to approve the money and therefore  
51 does not need an amendment. Brother Mitch Goldberg disagreed with Brother Ryan's  
52 interpretation (article 10 of special rules). Sister Julie Leibowitz recommended checking with  
53 Legal.

54 President Ajaye then discussed the stipends of the Executive Board. He wanted to have full  
55 transparency and to discuss it with the membership, and not go through the Eboard. He  
56 recommended that the Eboard Stipends be increased by the same percentage that the City and  
57 CUNY received (10%). Currently the monthly stipend of the President is \$444 pre-tax which is  
58 about \$300 after taxes. The proposal is to increase the stipend of the President to \$490. The  
59 Officers (1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary and Treasurer) receive \$355. The request is to increase the  
60 stipend to \$395. The Eboard Non Officers currently receive \$95 and that should be increased to  
61 \$105. Brother Mitchell Goldberg raised an objection regarding the discussion of these issues  
62 since it was not placed on the meeting notice. His objection was noted. A question was asked  
63 about the cost per month to the Local. The answer was approximately \$288. This increase does  
64 not affect the dues. The dues have not been increased since President Ajaye was elected.

65 There is a mandatory dues increase coming from AFSCME and DC37 totaling about 97 cents.  
66 The increase is 65 cents from AFSCME and 25 cents from DC37. The total monthly dues will  
67 now be \$24.03 instead of \$23.48. The Local only makes money on the 3 paycheck months (only  
68 2 per year / 3 on a leap year). The Local only receives \$1.29 out of the dues collected.

69 Brother Alvin Knowles (DOE) made a motion to implement the increases as stated above.  
70 Brother Tony Chambers (John Jay) seconded it. There was discussion. A vote was taken and  
71 the motion passed for the proposed increases as stated above.

72 There was additional discussion about the practices and rules of DC37, Right to Work States and  
73 Politics.

74 President Ajaye informed the membership that the Mayor is running for re-election and we should  
75 support him. He is pro-union and has not talked about anyone laying anyone off. It is also  
76 important to support your District Leaders and Local Politicians. It is critical to make sure that the  
77 Constitutional Convention does not get open. They can change Civil Service Laws and Pension  
78 Laws.

79 There was additional discussion regarding politics, Hillary Clinton, President Elect Trump and  
80 Right to Work States.

81 November 1, 2016 is the open enrollment period for Health Insurance. It ends December 15,  
82 2016. Double check your beneficiary information. Make sure it's up to date.

83 President Ajaye reported that the DC37 prescription drug plan is due to go bankrupt in August  
84 2018. Measures need to be taken to ensure we keep this benefit.

85 Sister Julie Leibowitz announced that the Woman's Committee will be having a Health Fair on  
86 Friday March 31, 2017. It will be held in DC37 from 2pm-8pm. There will be screenings. Sister  
87 Leibowitz also encouraged people to participate and join the committee.

88 Brother Cody Childs informed the membership that the Black History Celebration will be held on a  
89 Wednesday this coming year. It will be February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm sharp. It is expected to end at  
90 7:30pm

91 The official word came from CUNY regarding the payout. The money will be paid during the two  
92 pay periods in January.

93 President Ajaye discussed some practices in HRA where they lose the grievance and are  
94 expected to cease and desist. HRA does that, however they start up the same bad practice  
95 again. If members notice this happening, they must call the Local so the Local can address this.

96 President Ajaye addressed the issues in DOE regarding our members working out of title and in  
97 contact with students.

98 President Ajaye mentioned that the Fast Track Shop Steward happened and the Local was not  
99 even notified. He will inquire as to the process.

100• **Afflac Presentation**

101 Ms. Renee Rivers distributed handouts and explained some of the programs that Afflac offers.  
102 Their plans do not conflict with any of the other benefits that employees have. Plans discussed  
103 were Short Term Disability, Accident Coverage, A Hospital Plan and a Cancer Plan. Enrollment  
104 forms were handed out in case anyone wanted to apply.

105• **Old Business**

106 None

107• **New Business**

108 None

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110 **Good and Welfare**

Frank Durham	DDC	Frank's mother-in-law passed away.
Maria Cruz	DDC	Her father passed away.
Joy Azrolan	DOP	Her father passed away.
Dana Hudes	HRA	He passed away.
Beverly Singleton George	NYCHA	Her sister passed away.
Koutsoumbaris	NYPD	His sister passed away.
Judith Arroyo	Local 436	Judith's mother passed away.
Jason Weinberger	Comptroller	Jason's father passed away.
Moses Vargas	FDNY	His brother passed away.
Michael Nakano	CUNY Hostos	New baby boy.
Nicole Harvey	DDC	New baby boy.
Fnu Neha	FISA	New baby in family.

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112 Sister Julie Leibowitz made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded . A vote was taken  
113 and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.