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**Local 2627**

**District Council 37**

**AFSCME AFL-CIO**

**General Membership Meeting**

**March 21, 2017**

**Minutes**

**Treasurers Report**

**Budget Report**

**Presidents Report**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Good and Welfare**

President Ajaye called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. There was a quorum. The 2017 budget was ready for submission and Brother Brian Wonserver (DHS-HRA) made a motion to present the budget after the Treasurer's Report. Brother Gus Fuentes (HPD) seconded. A vote was taken and passed.

**17• Minutes**

President Ajaye asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the January 17, 2017 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brother Brian Wonserver. Brother Gus Fuentes seconded the motion. A vote to accept the minutes was taken and passed.

President Ajaye wanted to thank Brother Mitch Goldberg for pointing out an error on the process with the discretionary money. He is moving the vote for the discretionary money to the May General Membership meeting. There will also be nominations for the Officers during that meeting.

**25• Treasurers Report**

Brother Charles McClain made a motion to accept the January 2017 & February 2017 Treasurers Reports. Brother George Villegas seconded.

President Ajaye mentioned that Brother Dunne was supposed to supply the November Treasurer's report as well. Brother Dunne will print it out. President Ajaye will make sure the Trustees get a copy. Treasurer Dunne will bring a copy of the November report to the Local's office tomorrow.

A vote to accept the January & February Treasurer's Reports was taken and passed.

**33• 2017 Budget Report**

34 Brother Dunne presented the proposed budget report. Brother Kellam had some questions  
35 regarding how the numbers were derived. Brother Dunne explained that he based these  
36 numbers on the actuals from last year and then slightly increased them. If he was given the  
37 actual numbers from DC37, he reported on those actuals. Brother Rohan Gordon (NYCERS)  
38 made a motion to accept the 2017 budget. Brother Randolph Bowen (CUNY) seconded. A vote  
39 was taken and the motion passed.

40• **Presidents Report**

41 President Ajaye stated that if any member has an issue, they must CALL the office. Do not send  
42 an email as the only contact to the office. Phone calls are answered and addressed first.  
43 Anonymous mail should never be sent to anyone in the Local. If there is no way to verify the  
44 information, it will not be addressed. These anonymous issues will be thrown out. Any  
45 submission to the Local must have a contact name and number.

46 President Ajaye reported on the status of the contract extension vote. 90,000 members were  
47 eligible to vote. Approximately 23,000 people returned the ballots. 22,000 people said yea and  
48 1,100 people said nay. There were some groups who would not receive a ballot such as CUNY,  
49 Transit and DOE. The extension of 2 months and 23 days keeps our benefits in tact until the next  
50 contract negotiation. It is important to understand the issues and what you are voting for.

51 President Ajaye discussed the upcoming vote for the Constitutional Convention. There will be a  
52 question on what do you want to do with the Constitutional Convention. They can change your  
53 PENSION and Civil Service Law. The Governor wants to try to get OUR MONEY. We MUST  
54 **VOTE NO** to the Constitution Convention.

55 President Ajaye discussed what Sister Leibowitz reported to him from the Civil Service committee  
56 meeting when the Commissioner of DCAS was present. He had requested that sister Leibowitz  
57 bring up the Local's issues regarding hard to recruit titles such as the Telecom titles. This is due  
58 to the fact that members are refusing promotional opportunities because they would have to  
59 move back to the city. Sister Leibowitz was able to bring this issue and other issues up to the  
60 Commissioner. The Commissioner stated that she never heard about this issue and wanted an  
61 email regarding the issue so she could address it. She seemed very cooperative. However,  
62 upon reporting this to President Ajaye, he stated that she has an entire email chain regarding this  
63 issue. Their correspondence has been going back and forth about 12 times regarding this.

64 DOE still has members working out of title doing work like searching people, working in the  
65 cafeteria, setting up hair dryers etc. President Ajaye wrote a letter with no responses. Nancy  
66 Garillo and Spencer Hayes avoid talking to him. They say they will get back but don't. They are  
67 even requiring members to annual leave for the summer break and Easter breaks. President  
68 Ajaye spoke to Moira Dolen from Research & Negotiations and she sent out an email with cc's to  
69 a lot of management. Nancy Garillo finally returned the phone call regarding this.

70 Dana Tilghman, the Local's council rep. passed out post cards regarding the No Vote for the  
71 possibility of a Constitutional Convention. This post card will be mailed back to the members in  
72 NYS as a reminder of what to do during Election Day. Sister Leibowitz encouraged the members  
73 to tell everyone who lives in NYS to vote no, use all social media accounts. The vote to open up  
74 the Constitutional Convention takes place every 20 years and is for NY State residents only.

75 Dana Tilghman also reported on the Legislation was introduced to make every State a right-to-  
76 work State. So many things are impacted. "Your ability to vote is your voice." Our pension is a

77 defined pension. That means it is guaranteed. NYS Local 707 thought they had a guaranteed  
78 pension but it wasn't. A retiree making \$3,500 a month is now making \$500 a month. There was  
79 discussion.

80 Brother Adian Gellineau stated that he didn't think it was fair for DCAS to use the last 4 digits of a  
81 person's SSN. Sister Leibowitz, Lisa Riccio (Research & Negotiations) and President Ajaye  
82 explained that everyone is considered number 1 for list purposes. Using the SSN is just so  
83 people can read the names since you can't put 800 people on one line. Lisa confirmed that this is  
84 how you are ranked just to get on the list. For consideration, everyone is being considered  
85 number 1. Lisa explained to the members what the Agency must do and can do. Provisionals  
86 **must be replaced**. Vacancies are arbitrary. The agency doesn't have to fill those slots. Lisa  
87 explained that the selective certification lists go first. There was discussion.

88 Sister Leibowitz informed the membership that at the bottom of the Notice of Examination (NOE)  
89 there is a phone number. It is the responsibility of the member to call DCAS and ask the status of  
90 the list and make sure that your number did not get passed over. President Ajaye reminded the  
91 members that they have to ask to get reinstated back on the list if they have been removed.

92 There were additional questions regarding Civil Service exams and titles. Brother Dan Kelly  
93 asked about the CSM titles. President Ajaye informed him that DC37 is working on accreting  
94 these titles. A question was asked regarding the Qualifying Incumbent Exam (QIE). Lisa  
95 reported that the schedule is posted from now to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for July 1-Dec 31 has  
96 not been submitted yet. Sister Leibowitz stated that you have to file for the QIE the same way  
97 you file for the Open Competitive and Promotional exams. The members must go on the DCAS  
98 website to see if your exam is scheduled and when. There was additional discussion.

99• **Old Business**

100 None

101• **New Business**

102 Sister Julie Leibowitz reported that the Woman's Committee is holding their Health Fair from 2-8  
103 in room 1 at DC37. She encouraged all of the members to come and get screened. . Zero cost  
104 to the members. Friends and family are welcome to this event.

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106 **Good and Welfare**

Carmelo Batista	CUNY	Exec Dir Labor Relations. His mother passed away.
Wing Kwan	CUNY York	He is recovering. He was in the hospital.
Dan Rohan	DOF	Dan's sister passed asway.
Tina Chan	DOF	Tina's mother-in-law passed away.
Bernadette Clark-Shepard	DOF	She, Local 2627 Member, passed away.
Gary Morgan	H&H	He is undergoing surgery.
Eli Gutenmacher	HRA	Eli's father passed away.
Alvin Williams Local 1549	HRA	3rd VP. HRA's Chapter Chair. His mother passed away.
Gene DeMartino	Local 376	His mother passed away. Gene is President of Local 376.
Gary Andretta	NYCHA	Death in his family.
Joshua Lewisohn	NYPD	New baby girl.
Jose Rodriguez	Parks	They have a new baby girl.
Isabela Fairouz	DDC	New baby boy.

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108 Congratulations to Michele Hodelin for running the half marathon.

109 Brother Adian Gellineau (DOITT) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by

110 George Villegas A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34

111 PM.