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**Local 2627**

**District Council 37**

**AFSCME AFL-CIO**

**General Membership Meeting**

**June 28, 2018**

**Nomination for Trustee**

**Presidents Report**

1<sup>st</sup> VP Cody Childs called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M. There was a quorum. He spoke on the agenda items, the Nomination for Trustee and the Election Committee report.

**Nomination / Election for Trustee**

1<sup>st</sup> VP Childs requested 2 volunteers to take the nominations for Trustee. Brother Steve Novick (HRA) and Brother Robert Benjamin (HRA) volunteered. Brother Childs instructed them on how to proceed explaining that the question must be asked 3 times before closing the nominations. Brother Childs explained that once the nominations were concluded, the ballots will be handed out and the volunteers will count the ballots.

Nominations:

Brother Kellam (HRA) nominated Adian Gellineau 22

David Ng (NYCHA) nominated William Cabezas (NYCHA) 14

Brother Gellineau was re-elected.

Sister Julie Leibowitz (HOD) made the motion to accept the report. It was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Election Committee Report**

Brother Childs turned over the meeting to the Election Committee for a report. They reported the results of the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the complaints filed by Laura Morand and Julie Leibowitz. Brother Durham stated that Brother Paul and Brother Gellineau were going to read the allegations and the committee responses. The first allegations read were from candidate Morand and response from candidate Leibowitz. The second allegations that were read were from candidate Leibowitz and the election committee stated their findings. The election committee read Candidate Morand's statement stating that she wanted to have a fair election and felt that Candidate Leibowitz was trying to "throw things to see what sticks". The Election Committee concluded that there was one infraction involving the email to the membership with Candidate Morand's name but they did not feel that this infraction did not affect the election. All other claims were found not to have merit.

Sister Leibowitz requested to speak regarding the Election Committee result. She had issue with the way the Committee presented her protest stating that they only read specific pages of the submission, not the entire submission. In doing this, it did not give an accurate accounting of the issues protested. She elaborated on a specific instance stated in the protest that was not

38 mentioned in the reading of the protest. She offered to give the complete protest to anyone who  
39 was interested.

40 Sister Barbara McCarthy also spoke regarding charges that were brought up against her. She  
41 was told that this was only to deal with the election protest and that her issue would have to be  
42 brought up at another time.

43 Sister Stephanie Thomas (FDNY) stated that there should be something written to prevent them  
44 from making mistakes. She was told appendix D of the AFSCME Constitution. She felt that there  
45 were a lot of things that they should have known.

46 Brother Anthony (ITS) asked if there could be a letterhead of the do's and don'ts. Brother  
47 Gellineau kept referring to the AFSCME Constitution. Brother Durham requested to keep it to the  
48 issue at hand and bring this up at the general election.

49 Brother Kellam (HRA) – stated that anything with the Election should be discussed at the General  
50 Election. He requested to get this election over with.

51 Brother Jim Ryan (CUNY) – thanked the Election Committee and brought up that in the past, that  
52 sending emails out with a candidate's name on it because they were sent out by Sister McCarthy.  
53 He cited the Local's constitution stating that the Secretary is supposed to send out the  
54 correspondence from the Local. He suggested that she take on this function. Brother Durham  
55 stated that the Election Committee has no jurisdiction on this. All of the issues and comments  
56 should be addressed at a General Membership meeting.

57 Brother Durham did not feel that nothing swayed the election.

58 Sister Wendy Newmar (DOITT) made the motion to accept. Brother Charles McClain seconded.  
59 Brother Childs asked for a vote and the motion passed.

60 Sister Leibowitz requested confirmation of the ballot mailing.

61 Sister Morand stated that besides the ballots for the election going out there will also be ballots  
62 mailed out for the contract. She stated she was told that the ballots for the contract were going  
63 out on Friday. She encouraged the members not to mix up the ballots.

64 Brother Jim Ryan (from CUNY) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. A vote  
65 was taken and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.