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Local 2627
District Council 37
AFSCME AFL-CIO
General Membership Meeting
May 21, 2019

- Minutes**
- Treasurers Report**
- Guest Speakers**
- Presidents Report**
- Old Business**
- New Business**

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

Minutes

Brother Augustine Fuentes (HPD) made a motion to accept the minutes. Brother George Villegas (CUNY) seconded. A vote was taken. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

Brother Kellam stated that he submitted the Year to Date and the 2019 proposed budget. He owes the rest and will be going over everything from October thru April in June. Brother Kellam answered questions regarding the year end numbers. He mentioned that this budget is a draft and the final will be submitted at the June meeting. The budget was explained in detail with every section being read to the members. The Child Scholarship was eliminated. Brother Kellam stated that the Eboard is committed to the budget and they voted that any over budget item that the Local can control must be approved by the Eboard. Tuition reimbursement is first come first serve up to the budgeted amount. This information will be placed on the website. Sister Leibowitz mentioned that the requirement for tuition reimbursement has been changed from 1 year as a member to 2 years. President Morand stated the reimbursement is \$600, not \$800.

A question was asked about sending electronic meeting notices. That is a constitutional issue.

Brother Augustine Fuentes (HPD) made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Sister Latifa Lewis (DSNY) seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

City Council Speaker – Ben Kallos – Chairman of the Contracts Committee

Council Member Kallos addressed the membership and informed them he can be found on social media @benkallos (including bit hub). Council Member Kallos mentioned Civil Service Exams and Provisional Employees. He discussed better exam grading so it becomes more about qualifications and less about the Key Words. The CUNY contract was mentioned as well and he was going to be working towards a resolution. Council Member Kallos mentioned a section in the

36 NYC Charter where the City Council has one power in section 312 H or B which states anytime
37 the City are outsourcing city jobs, they are supposed to do a report at every step of the process.
38 He is asking the members if they hear anyone at their Agencies talking about outsourcing to a
39 consultant for something that City Employees should be doing and for less money to contact him.
40 Even if this entails training current employees at a cost far less than paying consultants 5x-10x
41 more than what it costs for a City Employee to do that job. The Councilman would like to know
42 and he is prepared to have hearings on these issues. You can email him at
43 policey@benkallos.com 212.860.1950

44 Some members reached out and he met with them after his presentation.

45 **Research and Negotiations – Mark Heron**

46 There is still no pay date for CUNY. As soon as there is a pay date there will be an email blast.
47 Mark stated that the terms are still being negotiated for the CSM title. It is a bit complicated. He
48 advised members that they should be alert to their actual salary when going on an interview for a
49 title that is not covered by DC37. It is not just salary. The members must incorporate
50 differentials, longevity etc. There were no member questions.

51 **Education Fund – Tracy Hamilton**

52 Tracy discussed the Education Fund Benefits including the free classes that the Ed Fund offers.
53 DC37 is now working with the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, formally known as the
54 Murphy Institute. Tracy discussed the various programs ranging from a Masters, BA, Certificate
55 programs and tuition reimbursement. There is reimbursement for cert exams if you take the
56 class. Members should contact the Education Fund if they are interested in using this benefit.
57 There are forms that can be downloaded. Visit the website www.dc37.net

58 **Presidents Report**

59 Sister Sarah Chan was hit by a drunk driver upon leaving the DC37 Asian Heritage Event. She is
60 losing her foot. The go fund me page will be on the Locals Website. The Local contributing.

61 The Local is getting ready to start bargaining for Transit. President Morand sent out an email with
62 a survey regarding issues. President Morand stated she will be bargaining the Non Economic
63 demands first. She said she and all of the Transit Presidents will not be backing down on this.

64 President Morand discussed the move. She doesn't know where the Local will be going. She will
65 send out an E-Alert with the new location. The phone # should be the same.

66 President Morand mentioned that the Computer Operations Exam disqualification letters have
67 been sent out. Call the Office if you have a problem. The Local will assist you.

68 One of the sticking points for the CSM and COM is OT. No dates are scheduled.

69 There are flyers for the Organizing Leadership Summit on 6/1 from 8am-4pm at DC37

70 **Old Business / New Business**

71 None.

72 Brother Adian Gellineau made a motion to adjourn. Sister Latifa Lewis seconded. A vote was
73 taken and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.