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**Local 2627**  
**District Council 37**  
**AFSCME AFL-CIO**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**January 21, 2020**

**Minutes**

**Treasurers Report**

**Trustee Election**

**Presidents Report**

**Old / New Business**

President Morand called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M. There was a quorum.

**Minutes**

Brother Charles McClain (HRA) made a motion to accept the minutes. Brother Louie Jeremy (MTA) seconded. A vote was taken. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report**

Brother Kellam thanked Sister Myrna Phillips and Sister Anne George for their assistance.

Brother Kellam introduced the budget for 2019 to be approved. Sister Julie Leibowitz made the motion to approve the budget. A Sister from DOITT seconded. A vote was taken, and the 2019 budget was approved.

Brother Kellam presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 report. Brother Ronald J. Dillon made a motion to temporarily approve the Treasurers reports pending a two-week review of members where they can submit questions and issues to the Treasurer via email. [L2627Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:L2627Treasurer@gmail.com). This was in the interest of giving the members time to review all the reports. Sister Myrna Phillips (DOE) seconded.

Brother Kellam reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, October and November reports to the membership.

Brother Noel Ramos made a motion to approve all the Treasurer reports through November. Brother George Villegas seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Trustee Election – replacing Frank Durham**

Brother Noel Ramos (DCAS), Brother Ron Dillon (DOHMH) and Brother Aidan Gellineau (DOITT) volunteered to be on the Election Committee. President Morand explained what a Trustee does.

President Morand turned the meeting over to the Election Committee. Nominations as follows:

Brother Charles McLean (HRA) – nominated Sister Myrna Philips - declined

Brother Artie Kellam (HRA) – nominated Sister Anne George (DOHMH) – accepted and is now the new Trustee.

Natasha swore in Anne George.

40 **President's Report**

41 DC37 will not have anyone at 125 Barclay. Everything is now at 55 Water Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> floor. Any  
42 member who wants to come down should call in advance so their name can go on the list and  
43 speed up the process.

44 Starting June 2020 there will be changes in the Dental plan. There will be about 4,000 dentists.  
45 Members should look for this benefit around that time.

46 The office located at 115 Chambers street is now closed for remodeling. The chairs from that  
47 location will be moved to Joralemon Street. Once the remodel is done, the chairs will be moved  
48 back to Chambers St and the Joralemon St. location will be permanently closed.

49 There are two single payer bills in Albany. Bill #A5248 in the Assembly and Senate S3577 –  
50 DC37 are against them. It will cost us 20% more. The unions that support this pay 31% now and  
51 it will go down to 20%. DC37 members took lower raises to have low premiums on health  
52 insurance. DC37 has given up years of higher raises in order to get the zero out of pocket.  
53 Contact your NYS Assembly and NYS State. The Union wants an exclusion to these bills.

54 President Morand will be placing some bills on the website including the Telecommute Work Act.  
55 This is still in Committee for the last 10 years. She encouraged all the members to be more  
56 political.

57 President Morand introduced Orlando Rivera from Political Action. He explained what the role of  
58 Political Action is and he mentioned the upcoming elections. He mentioned the Presidential  
59 Primary. He talked about the State Primaries and the General Election as well. He also  
60 highlighted the Census and explained the importance of participating in the Census. The  
61 Members were informed about what the Census people can ask and what they cannot. DO NOT  
62 give your SSN or Bank Account numbers. This is also a good job opportunity for people looking  
63 for work.

64 Computer System Managers are close to becoming part of Local 2627. An offer was presented.

65 President Morand mentioned that members close to retirement should investigate IRMA for  
66 Reimbursement of Medicare Part B. Members must apply for it from the City.

67 **New Business**

68 Brother Richard Guthridge (MTA) addressed the membership regarding automation and read  
69 excerpts from Dr. King.

70 Brother Charles McClain (HRA) made a motion to adjourn. Sister Simmons seconded. A vote  
71 was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.