



DC37 RETIREES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, February 28th, 2023

10AM- 12NOON

Meeting was called to order 10:05am, Roll call of Officers was taken by President Gervasi.

Minutes from January's GM Meeting will be available at next GM meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

John Hardisty, stated that the financial statement for November 2022 has a net loss of \$9,114, in December 2022 statement we have a surplus of \$32,389 and YTD surplus of \$343,638. We are in favorable financial condition. We do encourage dues to be paid through check off rather than by hand. Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Michelle Keller-NG and seconded by Aurea Mangual. Treasurer's Report has been accepted and passed.

President Gervasi had a brief conversation with Henry Garrido, who says he is in favor of members having options. If after a year you can OPT out if you don't like your plan (MAP). Right now we don't know what the plan will be until this upcoming Thursday. The Retirees Association have a new fax # 212-815-1071.

Committee reports

Neal Frumkin (VP, Inter-Union Relation)- At the City Council hearing Aurea and Neal gave their testimony. Health care has been going up dramatically. Retirees should not have to shoulder the increase cost. We are trying to be proactive. This coming Thursday, the MLC will get a report from Aetna on their proposal to be the carrier plan for the city. We do not have a seat at the table and we are not entitled to one unless we are invited. We will be monitoring.

Dominick Martino (VP Social Security, Pensions and Medicare)- Medicare sets fixed rates and hospitals must charge that rate. Last year (2022) and this year (2023) there are no co-pays of \$15 but hospital stays co-pay are still in effect. We may be put on a MAP Plan, we don't know what MLC will do until this Thursday. Nothing is written in stone. We'll probably end up in court again.

Sallie Robertson (VP Membership)- Encourages retirees to join the Association and to attend the meetings.

Lesly L. Williams (VP Publicity/Public Relations)- Check Retirees website for Medicare Reimbursement, DC37retireesassociation.org and OLR website, OLR.nyc.gov. Also look for upcoming events in March which is Women's History month. March 24th, is the 112th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory

Fire that killed over 146 workers mostly women. Lesley, attended the National Haitian American Elected Officials Network Conference (NHAEON). While there he was able to thank three Council Members for support of 12-126 which they appreciated. The Council Members were Farah Louis (45th District), Rita Joseph (40th District) and Mercedes Narcisse (46th District) all of Brooklyn.

Old Business

Bob Pfefferman, stated that Medicare Advantage Plan is the plan for eligible city retirees to enroll in with the exception of HIP/VIP.

Marianne Pizzitola, stated that we still have two viable lawsuits, one in the Supreme Court and one in the Appellate Court. We are still working on a daily basis on this issue of Medicare Advantage Plan, so stay calm while we wait to see what MLC is going to do on Thursday. We should have been grandfathered into our own plans. For updates go to our website, nycretirees.org.

New Business

Michelle Keller-NG, make sure to be on the streets and websites. There are new organizing (unions) and we need to be there to support them.

Good and Welfare

Sister Munford stated that 1 Police Plaza will be having their Black History Program, March 01st, 2023.

Neal announced that the DC37 Climate Justice Committee will have a zoom program, March 21st, 2023

Michelle Keller-NG, mention for Women's History Month CLUW will have their program on zoom, March 17th, 2023 at 7pm, March 24th is the 112th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and March 31st is the Red Carpet for Social Justice International Women's Month program.

United Association for Labor Education (UALE) will be having their 46th Summer school for women at Rutgers University in Brunswick, NJ, July 10th-14th, 2023.

Bruce's father turned 100 years young. Happy Birthday

Moment of Silence for our sister Joan Bastone, who passed away in her sleep.

Motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Keller-NG and seconded by Julia Jorge.

Meeting adjourned 12:21pm

submitted by

Anna Berry

Associate Recording Secretary