



DC37 RETIREES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, May 23rd, 2023

10AM- 12NOON

Meeting was called to order 10:12am, Roll call of Officers was taken by President Gervasi.

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

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

John Hardisty, stated that the financial statement for March 2023 has a surplus of \$7,783 and YTD Surplus of \$48,800. We are doing very well. No increase in dues for the foreseeable future. Checks that were mailed in are being processed. We have very good returns. John stated that if anyone has any more questions to please call him at 212-815-7585. There was a screen poll to vote on accepting Treasurer's report. Report accepted

President Gervasi, says right now the city's Medicare Advantage Plan is on the desk of the City's Comptroller Brad Lander. He has until June 9th, 2023, to make a decision which can be overridden by the Mayor. There have been calls made to our office about the Aetna Dental and Prescription plan. We are still under the DC37 plan which covers Dental, Optical and Audio. There is no need to take the Aetna Dental and Prescription Plan. An email and cards have been mailed out to members with five (5) dates to call **1-800-920-2986**, for questions regarding health plan. The dates are as follows: **May 25th and 31st at 11am** and **June 6th, 7th and 12th at 2pm**. This is being run by DC37 Health and Security Department.

There have been some questions about premium costs, which have zero premium costs but you still have to pay co-pays. If you have GHI Senior Care and do nothing you will be automatically enrolled in the Aetna Plan September 01st, 2023.

Our next General Membership meeting will be **Tuesday, June 20th, 2023**, reason being we will be 10 days from the Opt. out date June 30th, 2023. We will have another rally and looking for those that can please come out. T-shirts and hats are being ordered for members to wear.

Committee reports

Dominick Martino (VP Social Security, Pensions and Medicare)- It's important for everyone to pay attention. Things could change, don't do anything yet until we tell you to. Court dates have not been filed yet. Lawyers are still preparing for case. There will be a rally on either May 24th or 25th. There is a confusion on which date.

The Executive Board met in person and accomplished a lot. Hopefully in September we will have a place for the General Membership meeting.

Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) people you should have filed by now for reimbursement.

Neal Frumkin (VP, Inter-Union Relation)- There is a court suit filed around the Medicare Advantage Plan by Marianne's group. September is still an open question because of the lawsuit. So, sit tight. Marianne will give us updates later.

Tomorrow, May 24, 2023 there will be a rally at City Hall by the **Cross-Union Retirees Organizing (CROC)** group.

Marianne Pizzitola, NYC Retirees Org.-Thanked everyone for their support and donations to help with legal fees. Updates on litigation is coming up soon. Marianne asked over 2,000 people to do Affidavits for litigation asking courts to stop the process. Stay calm, do your homework before making any decisions. Two choices you should know the difference **1. Waive-** your City Health Care **or 2. Opt-Out-** Aetna. There are volunteers that can help you from websites such as, (NYSHIP)State Health Insurance Program, AARP and Medicare.gov.

DC37 Health and Security

Jodi Goldman, Assoc. Admin-answered questions that members had regarding H & S plan at DC37. She stated that the Optical, Dental and Audio benefits is covered by DC37 and that if you have a spouse they are covered for Optical and Dental. For further questions she can be reached at 212-815-1286 or you can email her at jgoldman@dc37.net.

Old Business- None

New Business- Dominick Martino, The Government is getting on those celebrities doing television ads leading people to believe it's Medicare and it's not. They have to say what insurance they are representing.

Judy Hampton- Transit Fare is going up in September 2023.

Good and Welfare- None

Motion to adjourn by Jose Sierra second by Julia Jorge

Meeting adjourned 12:19pm

Submitted by

Anna Berry
Associate Recording Secretary