



DC37 RETIREES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, June 20, 2023

10AM- 12NOON

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

Minutes for the month of May, was read by *Anna Berry*. Motion to accept minutes was made by *Jon Forster* and seconded by *Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone*. A poll was taken to accept minutes and was unanimously accepted.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

**John Hardisty** stated that the financial statement for April 2023 has a Net surplus of \$5,083 and YTD Surplus of \$53,883. We are still processing dues by hand and the last two quarters of dues for 2022. The response was good and very small. Motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by *Julia Jorge* and second by *Michelle Keller-Ng*. A poll was taken to accept the report and accepted.

**President Gervasi**, The City Comptroller had until June 09<sup>th</sup>, to decide on the Medicare Advantage Plan but decided against it. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mayor Adams overrode the Comptroller and registered the Medicare Advantage Plan. The case is in the courts. *Judge Frank* asked for an extension to review the case and would decide by July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will have an emergency meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a rally Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, 12 noon at City Hall. Eastside of Broadway and Park Place. We are looking forward to seeing as many there as possible. At the last Executive Board meeting it was approved to purchase t-shirts and hats for our North and Southern sisters and brothers.

**Committee reports**

**Dominick Martino (VP Social Security, Pensions and Medicare)**- Bob, Stanley and I went out to see what Medicare Health Insurance brokerages are out there. We found **F plus**, **G plus** and **N** but there are more. It's up to you to solicit what is best for you. We don't know your needs. The Department of Aging and AARP can help you with concerns about plans. Just remember that you do not lose your DC37 Benefits.

**Lesly L Williams (Vice President, Public Relations)**- gave report on CBTU Convention that was held in New Orleans, May 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There were over 1400 attendees from all over even Africa and Canada. Several Resolutions such as Mental Health, Housing, Gun Violence in Haiti, and Health Care were submitted and passed. We attended the Retirees Conference which was Co-Chaired by *Donald Afflick* who did a great job as well as the other Retirees who attended. Overall, this was a successful and well-structured convention.

**Marianne Pizzitola, NYC Retirees Org.-** stated that we have three lawsuits at the same time. We won the first case in 2021 that the City is appealing. The second is a Class Action Co-pay case and the third is the Medicare Advantage Plan case. She will keep us updated, we can also check their website for updates and to make donations at [nycretirees.org](http://nycretirees.org). Just be ready to attend the rally and continue to reach out to your Council Members.

**Old Business-** *Michelle Keller-Ng*, reminded us that there is a Bill on Governor Kathy Hochul's desk that needs to be signed and passed for March 8<sup>th</sup> to be "International Women's Day". We must get this out to all members to apply pressure for this Bill to be passed.

**New Business-** *Jon Forster*, Co-Chair of Climate Justice Committee, spoke on *Third Act*, an organization he belongs to that believes in protecting the climate and strengthening our Democracy. If anyone is interested in joining or has questions you can send an email to [4unionnow@gmail.com](mailto:4unionnow@gmail.com).

**Good and Welfare-** *Sallie Robertson* stated that her biopsy results came out good.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by *Rosemary Ciulla- Frisone* and second by *Jon Forster*.

**Meeting adjourned 12:08pm**

**Submitted by**

**Anna Berry**  
**Associate Recording Secretary**