



DC 37 Retirees Association General Membership Meeting, Tuesday 10-11-22.

The meeting was called to order by President Gervasi @ 10:06AM.

A roll call of the executive board was taken. The minutes of the 9/13 GM meeting were read to the membership. Julia Jorge made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and the motion was properly seconded and passed. Neal Frumkin made a motion to accept the 6/14 GM minutes and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

Financial report by Treasurer John Hardisty: For the month of June, we had a net surplus of \$65,074 and for July, we had a net surplus of \$56,689. Year to date through July we have a net surplus of \$260,116. The second mailing for hand dues payers is going out this month. Jon Forster made a motion to accept the financial report and it was properly seconded and passed.

President's report: There will be a rally tomorrow at City Hall, Broadway and Park Place fighting for our health benefits. As many people as possible should be there. At 3:30 there will be a march to Mulgrew's UFT office at 52 Broadway. Keep contacting your City Council representatives. Continue your phone calls and letters to keep the pressure on them. Questions were taken and answered.

Committee reports: Lesly Williams mentioned our updated website and that the new OLR phone number is 212-513-0470 for health benefits. Dominick Martino spoke about the rally and that he will be doing zoom meetings with the actives. Many Medicare Advantage plans are under investigation. \$164.90 is the new Medicare Part B premium. Everyone entitled should have received the pension COLA. Marianna Pizzitola spoke about the City Hall rally. She will have flyers to give to City Council members. A press conference will follow. At UFT headquarters we will let the actives know what is going on. Neal Frumkin mentioned that law 12-126 for active employees sets the criteria and baseline on what the city is required to provide for health insurance without actives or retirees paying any premiums. This is a short step to losing cost free health insurance. The current PEP talks about the new federal law about the cost of prescriptions. We played an important, good role on those changes done through DC37, AFSCME and Congress. High costs are due to new medications. Any drugs on TV cost an arm and a leg. We are looking for lower income retirees to testify about how the health care changes will affect them. Donald Afflick: 12-126 is a serious issue as actives are retirees in training. There is an important election next month. Early voting begins 10/29. The DC37 political action department's extension is 1550.

New business: The rally is the most important thing.

Good & Welfare: Michelle Keller is getting the Peekskill NAACP drum major award. There is a breast cancer walk and donations would be appreciated.

Donald Afflick: Bill Lucy is doing well.

Neal Frumkin: Carmen Colon's mom had her 100th birthday. He is collecting for the National Kidney Foundation with a walk on 11/10.

Anna Berry: congratulated Sallie Robertson's grandson for being awarded a scholarship and for a retiree's award being given to Sallie.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donald Afflick and it was properly seconded and passed with the meeting being adjourned at 12:06PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Heigh.