



## DC37 Retirees Association Monthly General Membership meeting

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

10 AM- 12 NOON

**The meeting was called to order 10:16 am, Roll call of Officers taken by President Gervasi.**

Minutes for the month of September was read by *Anna Berry*.

The motion to accept minutes was made by *Neal Frumkin* and properly seconded and approved.

Discussion: Dominick Martino stated that his reports have been omitted from the last three minutes.

Bruce Heigh refuted that and stated all three of Dominick's reports were in the last three minutes and posted on our website.

Anna Berry will follow up and make any necessary corrections.

Neal made a motion to amend the minutes to include Dominick's report and was seconded and approved.

**President Gervasi-** There is a Class Action that will affect over 183,000 people. The 1099 Bill is not well supported by the Council members. To move forward please sign the Proposed Ad sent out by Ray Markey. We are still looking for a venue to have our general membership meetings. I will try Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) again.

**Neal Frumkin- (VP, Inter- Union Relation)-** Aurea, I and other retirees went to the court hearing which was filled up and noticed by the Lawyers. After that we went to support the Memphis Tennessee workers who are striking against an increase of a co-insurance plan from \$300 to \$600 a week. If you haven't done so yet, please add your name to the Proposed Ad sent by Ray Markey. If anyone needs a copy, I can send it to you.

**Dominick Martino- (VP Social Security, Pensions and Medicare),** Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) has been paid. If you have any questions, you can email me. We don't have enough City Council Members to support Intro 1099/2023. This may be a problem for us. Judge Frank has issued a Class Action regarding Co-pay. The Joe Namath TV ads must stop and state what company they represent. If you don't understand or need more information, call us.

**Donald Afflick- (VP Political Action),** Election is coming up November 7<sup>th</sup>. Early voting is from October 20<sup>th</sup>- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any questions about where to vote you can call 866- Vote-NYC. You can call DC37 Political Action at 212-815-1550 for information on who your Council Member is. We are going to have a serious problem in Washington if we don't get a speaker soon. Bills need to be passed. There is a bill that Congressman Ritchie Torres sponsored, Bill 5518 "Right to Medicare Act". I did reach out to his office to get a copy of the bill.

### Old Business

*Dominick Martino* says the Florida Chapter should be giving reports at the General membership meetings.

*Anna Berry* asked about resuming donations to the NYC Retirees Organization, as time is of the essence and legal fees are expensive. If it weren't for Marianne's Organization, we wouldn't have known what was going on with our Medicare. So far, we have been winning our cases in court and we can't afford to drop the ball now.

### New Business

*Bob Pfefferman*– Judge Frank Lyle is on the ballot. He has ruled to preserve our Medicare and we should support him.

**Good and Welfare**

***Donald Afflick- CBTU Region I is having a zoom conference November 04<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

***Jon Forster- (Co-Chair of Climate Justice Committee), Spoke on Third Act, an organization that is concerned about Climate change and strengthening our US Democracy. If anyone is interested in joining or has questions you can send an email to [4unionnow@gmail.com](mailto:4unionnow@gmail.com)***

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by *Jim Tucciarelli* and seconded by *Julia Jorge*.

Meeting adjourned 11:38 am

**Next General Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Submitted by

**Anna Berry**

**Associate Recording Secretary**