



DC37 RETIREES ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, December 20th, 2022

10AM- 12NOON

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am. A roll call of the officers was taken.

Minutes from the November 15th, 2022 GM meeting were read by Bruce Heigh. A motion was made by Michelle Keller-Ng to accept the minutes and seconded by Julia Jorge. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

John Hardisty stated that we have a surplus of \$42,337 and a YTD surplus of \$320,364. We are in a favorable financial condition and there are no dues increases necessary. There was a poll for members to vote to accept the financial report. It passed.

President Robert Gervasi gave his report stating that there was a favorable decision by the court on the lawsuit about the MLC's plan to change retirees' health benefits. The City and MLC are not happy about the decision and they are going to appeal. We should contact our City Council members and let them know to not amend administrative law 12-126. We also hope to be able to sit on any further negotiations.

There will be a rally December 21 at 3:30pm sponsored by **Cross Retiree Organization Committee** (CROC) beginning at the UFT 52 Broadway and marching to DC37/MLC Headquarters, 55 Water Street. We need retirees to come out and make your voices heard.

In the DC37 PEP a disclaimer was posted on the retiree's page. President Gervasi does not want to go back and forth with Henry Garrido. but plans to meet with AFSCME along with Jose Sierra on January 3, 2023 and will express concerns that retirees have with DC37.

Speakers Tracy Pingalone and Cheryce Ricks from Aetna gave updates for 2023 on health, drug plans and out of pocket costs. Any questions or concerns, call customer service at 1-866-235-5660.

Marianne Pizzitola, from NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees says the recommendation of the Arbitrator Scheinman is an opinion. It's not an order, not a decision and not an award. We can check the website for more info at NYCRetirees.org.

Committee reports

Neal Frumkin, who is also a Trustee to the DC37 Health and Security Plan spoke about drug coverages. All D plans are Medicare Advantage. D plans give a certain amount of money to the Federal plan. We now have a plan through Aetna/Silver Script.

Dominick Martino, members are fed up with DC37 and the Arbitrator and his opinion on 12-126. Next year there could be some changes in Social Security and Medicare. If there are any questions you can call Dominick.

Sallie Robertson, still reaches out to encourage retirees to join the Association.

Donald Afflick, stated that Medicare Advantage overcharged taxpayers millions of dollars. We have to continue the fight against 12-126. Donald encourages us to get the booster shots and that over 3.5 million people have lived because of vaccines. Also assisted living groups are on the rise. We should be checking on seniors who live alone.

Lesly, We have been consistent along with everything Marianne Pizzitola was saying in regards to 12-126.

Happy Birthday to Sallie Robertson and Happy 100th Birthday to Bruce's dad who is a Veteran of WWII.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Aurea Mangual.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.

Submitted by,

Anna Berry