



DC 37 Retirees Association General Membership (GM) Meeting minutes, Tuesday, 9-13-22.

The meeting was called to order by President Gervasi @ 1:10 PM. He gave us a greeting, an introduction and his contact information. The minutes of the 6/14 GM meeting were read to the membership. Due to the transition of our recording secretaries, the report given by Dominick Martino was inadvertently left out of the minutes. A motion to postpone the acceptance of the minutes until our next meeting was made by Bob Pfefferman and was properly seconded and passed.

Financial report by Treasurer John Hardisty: For the month of May we had a net surplus of \$46,111 and a year- to- date surplus of \$138,353. The financial statements for June and July will be submitted at our next meeting. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Jon Forster and was properly seconded and passed.

President's report: Article 2 of our constitution was read. "I have the responsibility to safeguard our health benefits." NYC Councilwoman Carmen Delarosa of district 10 should be contacted @ 917-521-2616 or 212-788-7053 to express our disappointment and to tell her that we do not want any change in the administrative code for retirees' health benefits.

Dominick Martino reported that the Medicare Part B premium will be \$170.10 staying high due to Alzheimer drugs. The Social Security COLA might be between 9 and 10% which would be around \$150/month. We will be getting a pension COLA of 3% on the first \$18,000 which comes to \$45/month for retirees after 5 years and older than 62. Future members might be able to negotiate prescription prices. His report was accepted and seconded.

Neal Frumkin reported that the Labor Day parade was last Saturday. We had members that marched, were on the float and in the grandstand. We voiced and had signs that read: "Hands off our retiree health benefits!" He spoke about the change in the law on prescription benefits which will be reported in the next PEP, including the timetable for it going into 2028. After \$2,000 out of pocket, there are no additional co-pays. There will be a cap on the cost of insulin.

Our guest speaker, Marianna Pizzitola, from Public Service Retirees of NYC was introduced. She stated that the MLC voted to change administrative code 12-126 which was implemented in 1967 under Mayor Lindsay. The case is on the calendar for a specific date which will probably be in October. 12-126 can also endanger our Medicare Part B reimbursement and the statutory cap. The city would like one health plan, HIP-VIP, for retirees. They are working on an arrangement with Aetna. They are telling the unions there will be no negotiations until healthcare is fixed. Marianna is looking to have us contact City Council members. She took many questions. Co-pays were added by the MLC and the city. You should mention the co-pays when you call the City Council, especially low- income members. Express how angry you are with the mayor. Make your calls right away. Her website is NYCretirees.org. Visit council members, try and get on TV. President Gervasi thanked Marianna and stated we will help to keep up the fight.

New business: Michelle Keller: Bill Lucy is doing a lot better

Good & Welfare: Anna Berry getting married this weekend.

Aurea Mangual made a motion to adjourn @ 2:45 PM and it was properly seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Heigh