



Recording of the minutes of the zoom General Membership meeting of 1-27-22.

The meeting was called to order by President Hysyk @10:11 AM.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Scott Fried. It was properly seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report by John Hardisty: For 11/2021 we had a surplus of \$50,537. Year to date we had a surplus of \$431,617 which is consistent with last year. We will have no dues increase for years to come. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Toby Feuer. It was properly seconded and passed.

President's report: Special order of business which was turned over to the chair of the constitutional committee, Jose Sierra. He introduced the committee members and gave thanks for their service. The changes to amendments will be voted on at the 2/28 GM meeting. They will be discussed today and 2/28. There was a Powerpoint presentation of the proposed constitutional changes. An overview of the proposed changes was shown. Article 3: membership; questions were answered. Article 5, section 7: meetings policy. Article 6: discipline. Article 7: nominations and elections; questions ensued; President's report continued: We have 27,000 members & 26 executive board members. The executive board was too big. There will be 3 meetings about the Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP): 2/1 Tuesday @ noon, 2/8 Tuesday @ 1pm, 2/10 Thursday @3pm. Information will be on our website. The meetings are sponsored by MAP & by the city & hosted by Kim Parker of the Alliance. Bargaining rights we do not have for health care. A lawsuit is going on. We are not in favor of any MAP. We are in favor of the current system. We contributed \$5,000 to the lawsuit and the executive board voted to donate another \$5,000. On 2/14 there will be a demonstration at City Hall about this. Kudos to Lesly Williams and Molly Charboneau for our website and e-blasts. Only 4,000 of 16,000 opened the emails. The Municipal Labor Committee sent a letter about prescription info on MAP, which doesn't apply to DC 37 Retirees. Neal Frumkin spoke about the DC37 Health & Security retirees' coverage. Delta Dental NY Select should be the plan used in NY. The DC 37 dental center @ 115 Chambers St is open for appointments in April & May, 212-766-4440. Dominick Martino commented on donations to the lawsuit.

Medicare: from \$203 to \$233 deductible; premium from \$148.50 to \$170.10 for most members. From 4/1 – 6/30 you can try out the new health plan and you can then opt back in to the old plan.

HIP is now closed. We have a new Associate Treasurer: Pilar Oquendo, appointed by the executive board to fill the unexpired term of the prior person.

Committee Reports: Donald Afflick spoke about the new mayor & new city council.

Medicare Part B reimbursement will continue. It is usually the 3rd Friday of April. IRMAA Forms will be available online in October. April 1 is the tentative date for the new plan to start. There are 2 lawsuits going on. One is whether the city has the right to change our health plan which is on the back burner. The city loses \$50M/month every month MAP is not implemented; Questions ensued.

Good & Welfare: We lost way too many members due to Covid. The sister of Betty Anderson, Executive Board member, & the sister of Local 371 President, Anthony Wells & activist member Ella Gordon passed away.

Motion to adjourn was made by Norma Paupaw @ 12:26pm & it was properly seconded & passed.