

**Local 154, DC37, AFSCME
General Membership Meeting at 6 P.M.
September 29, 2021**

AGENDA

Minutes
Financial Report – Budget 2021-2022
President's Report
Old/New Business
Good and Welfare

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

President Juan Fernandez thanks everyone for attending the meeting and introduces the new DC37 representative for Local 154, Raul Rodriguez.

James Whooley reads the minutes from the previous General Membership meeting of March 31st 2021. Motion to accept the minutes made by Veronica Lues and seconded by Eva Munankarmi. The motion passes and the minutes are entered into the record.

Tom Orawiec presents the Financial Report dated September 29, 2021 for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2021. Motion to accept the report made by Stacey Starke and seconded by Gina Myers. The motion passes and the report is entered into the record.

	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021	7/31/2021	8/31/2021
Checking	10,462.27	7,835.83	55,915.64	53,766.45	46,921.19	43,362.09	40,109.86
General Account	196,838.33	207,066.19	163,143.95	167,802.34	187,942.07	189,317.63	193,975.99
PAC	1,412.00	1,412.00	1,412.00	1,412.00	1,412.00	1,412.00	1,412.00
Total	208,712.60	216,314.02	220,471.59	222,471.59	236,275.26	234,091.72	235,497.85

Tom Orawiec presents the Budget Report. Motion to accept the Budget Report made by James Whooley and seconded by Stacey Starke. Questions ensued and answered by Treasurer Orawiec and President Fernandez. The motion passes and the Budget 2021-2022 is approved as presented.

President Fernandez introduces Ms. Pin Santos Representative from the DC37 Health and Security Department to discuss COVID issues at the workplace, especially at the Comptrollers Office where bedbugs were detected. Ms. Santos explains all information as to the source must be confidential, exterminating service is to take place after work hours

Re: COVID: it's a pandemic not an occupational hazard. Mask mandates on subway, hospitals and city buildings. Private buildings, masks are optional.

Ms. Pin describes breakthrough cases which occur even when you're fully vaccinated. Vaccines are not 100 percent effective yet it protects against serious illness and death. For further information, she suggests looking at CDC website for daily updates which show that breakthrough cases are relatively low.

Pres. Fernandez introduces the next speaker, Mark Heron, Associate Director of DC 37 Research and Negotiation. Mr. Heron talks about how City workers were never allowed to perform remote work. Now because of the COVID pandemic, the city is allowing us to do so. Also, now meetings can be done virtually on Zoom and Ring platforms. However, The City has an interest in getting the workers back to their offices for economic reasons. The city is looking sales and tax revenues. President Fernandez adds that the Union has requested remote works status at several contract negotiations during past years, a pilot program was developed in the late 2010s with NYCHA, but management always refused to move it forward. Since remote work is NOT a mandatory subject of bargaining, the City is not obligated to negotiate over it.

Our Contract expired in May 2020. Our members would like Remote work from home to be one of the demands. However, at this time remote work is not on the table. Since Mayor DeBlasio is leaving office, the possibility of a new Contract will not occur until the next elected official (Mayor) is in office.

Questions ensued and were answered by Mr. Heron.

President's Report (for more detailed information, see report on L154 website

Pres. Fernandez is uncertain whether the Early retirement bill will be a future since Mayor DeBlasio reneged on its initial agreement over it.

Upcoming Civil Service exams: Public Record Aide and Associate Claims Specialist

Good and Welfare: Alfredo Pena, our former Chapter Chair and Delegate passed away this August.

Old Business/New Business: None

Pres. Fernandez thank Pin Santos of DC-37 Health and Safety Unit and Mark Heron of Research and Negotiation for their informative presentations.

Raul Rodriguez, our new L.154 provides his contact information, 212-815-7643

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Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:07 P.M. by Thomas Orawiec and seconded by Stacey Perez.

It is Important to stay in contact with the members especially at your respective workplace, especially during this COVID-19 health crisis.

Sheera S. Glass

Respectfully submitted by Sheera S. Glass, Secretary