Delegate Assembly Minutes
February 16, 2016
At Atrium Amphitheater, NYCCT

Present:

BOWEN  EC  BARNETT  C  HUTCHISON  MCC
COHEN  EC  ABDALI  CLT  MOORAMAN  MCC
COLON  EC  GRAHAM  CLT  OFFENHOLLEY  MCC
DEUTRO  EC  JEU  CLT  CRAWFORD  MEC
DRAIN  EC  SHERMAN  CLT  ALBANY  NYCT
FABRICANT  EC  BUTT  GS  CERMELE  NYCT
GRONOWICZ  EC  ELLIOTT-NEGRI  GS  CUORDILEONE  NYCT
KISSACK  EC  GLICK  H  DOUGLAS  NYCT
LEBERSTEIN  EC  BERNARDINI  HCC  MACDONALD  NYCT
LONDON  EC  PIMENTEL  HCC  MASON  NYCT
MAJUMDAR  EC  NELSON  HEO  O’HALLORAN  NYCT
PEARLMAN  EC  ROBERTS  HEO  VAN LOON  NYCT
PERSINGER  EC  RODRIGUEZ  HEO  GERWIN  Q
TYNER-MULLINGS  EC  WINTER  HEO  ZEVIN  Q
VASQUEZ  EC  CLARKE  JJ  BALMUTH  RET
WASHINGTON  EC  MAMELI  JJ  DISALVO  RET
HASHMI  B  NELSON  JJ  GREENBAUM  RET
MANLOW  B  CALLY  KCC  KOTELCHUCK  RET
WILLS  B  FARRELL  L  MCCALL  RET
KOLIZI  BCC  TANANBAUM  L  PERLESTEIN  RET
TREGGLA  BCC  EGGER-SIDER  LGCC  SHEARIN PATTERSON  Y
UTAKIS  BCC  FREAS  MCC  SHEIDLOWER  Y

Guests:

Jay Arena (CSI), Judith Barbanel (RET), Megan Behrent (NYCT), Harry Cason (RET), Kadidiatou Diallo (ME), Joseph Entin (B), Ian Hansen (Y), Carole Harris (NYCT), Angela Loguercio (NYCT), Marcia Newfield (MCC)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.  Gabriel, B.  Munoz, A.
Bell, D.  Graf, B.  Pfordrescher, K.
Bergen, D.  Herst, J.  Powell, E.
Brill, D.  Lasher, R.  Stan, A.
Cheng, I.  Lewis, S.  Young, P.
I. Approvals
A. Agenda
   MOTION: To accept the agenda (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: S. Calley) APPROVED.
B. Minutes
   MOTION: To accept the January minutes (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Sheidlower) APPROVED.

II. President’s Report and Discussion
   • Thanks to all Delegates for attending tonight, in spite of the change of venue. Many Executive Council members spoke at the Brooklyn Borough hearing up the street and represented PSC perspectives on issues facing us very well.
   • New Delegates – Ian Hanson (York, Alternate)
   • Cecelia McCall will receive the Sandra Feldman “Not for Ourselves Alone” award at the NYSUT RA in April.
   • A number of important cases before the Supreme Court represent a direct attack on working people, including the Friedrichs case which is of the greatest concern to PSC. Justice Scalia’s death means either there will be a tie vote and the Appeals court ruling against the plaintiffs will stand, or the Court could rule to have it reargued next session. There are other cases in the pipeline which can undermine working people’s rights to build power, so we must continue to reach out to non-members to join the union.
   • Contract Update – CUNY filed for impasse in bargaining, and the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) moved quickly to assign a mediator and schedule sessions. We all know the issue is money; we are close on many non-economic issues. If a mediator can help us make progress, fine, but, to be effective, a mediator has to be able to persuade CUNY, the City and particularly the State to provide adequate funding for a fair contract. PSC does not want to end up in a year of fact-finding which is the next step if mediation fails to achieve an agreement. That is why heightened activism around funding for CUNY in the State budget is so important.
   • Strike Authorization Vote Organizing – Now that the semester has started, one-on-one conversations about the strike authorization vote are ramping up. Hundreds of members have been trained to hold them. It’s very important to submit contact sheets (which can be done online) about the conversations, as well as signatures on the Pledge. PSC will also be conducting a randomized phone survey of a sample of members through the NYSUT phone center.
   • PSC Secretary Nivedita Majumdar reported that sign-on letters are available for 1) department chairs to express that they will not retaliate against workers who sign the Pledge to support the strike authorization vote, and 2) students who want to express support. She will send them to Delegates electronically.
   • Legislative Report – Mike Fabricant reported that delegates who want to participate in lobbying on Feb. 25th can go up to Albany and back in one day on the student buses. There is still room to participate in the Committee of 100 lobbying March 7 & 8.
III. **Treasurer’s Report** – S. Persinger  
Monthly Financial Report – December  
Summary of Financial Report for the month:  
Income: $1,471,000  Expenses: $1,542,000  Deficit: ($71,000)  
Summary for the year-to-date (4 months)  
Income: $6,247,000  Expenses: $6,088,000  Surplus: $159,000  

**Year-to-date (3 months)**  
A $30,000 deficit was budgeted for four months. The financial statement shows an actual four-month surplus of $159,000. Over four months, the union spent $187,000 less in expenses than budgeted and received $2,000 more income than anticipated. This resulted in a favorable bottom line of $189,000.  
**MOTION: To accept the December financial report** (Motion: A. Sherman; second: A. Pearlman)  
APPROVED.  

IV. **Administrative Items**  
Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell  
Nominating petitions for chapter elections are due back to the PSC Office by 5:00 on March 2.  

ANNOUNCEMENTS  

V. **Old Business**  

VI. **New Business**  

VII. **Adjournment**  
**MOTION: To adjourn** (Motion: A. Pearlman, second: R. Cermele) APPROVED.