RTC Minutes  
Membership Meeting- Hybrid  
52 – Broadway, NY. NY

Agenda – November 28, 2023

1. **Chapter Leader’s Report** – (Informational)  
   Tom Murphy called the meeting to order and thanked members for attending this meeting being held both in person and virtually. There were four thousand eight hundred sixty-nine signed on virtually while the in-person number was 216. He then outlined the order the meeting would follow.

2. **Greetings** –  
   LeRoy Barr extended greetings and spoke of the serious work ahead in the new calendar year – noting transferring Mayoral was central to the functioning of the school system.

   Tom Brown, UFT Assistant Treasurer and new liaison to the RTC – also extended greetings and spoke briefly about the continuing effort to make Tier 6 better for members.

3. **Health Care Update** -  
   Michael Mulgrew, UFT President, began by explaining the incident that took place at Hillcrest HS and said that the union is doing what it always does for members but he couldn’t give details, citing privacy rights. He fielded numerous questions from both online and in person members on the impending new Healthcare Plan that is still being worked on. He responded to questions and in cases clarified misunderstandings of facts and reiterated that according to the Administrative Code the City has to offer only one Healthcare Plan and is not obligated to offer several. He noted that at the present time, there is bidding between Aetna and Emblem to be chosen as a provider; he spoke about the impact of asylum seekers and the Mayor’s insisting the city is in serious financial difficulty because of it. Michael insists that the city has the funds. Other questions which were addressed concerned Healthcare co-payments, how members can help with asylum seekers, availability of the contract ratification information, what is being done to fix Tier 6, and TRS Fixed rate interest (it cannot go below 7%). Mulgrew thoroughly answered an extensive number of questions from both those present and those online.

4. **Identity Theft and Elder Scam Awareness** - Jeanine Launay, ADA, Elder Abuse Unit Chief– New York County District Attorney’s Office
ADA Launay explained, via an illustrated presentation, the role her office is to help protect older adults from crimes of physical abuse, domestic violence, financial exploitation, and neglect. She explained specific crimes and scams that are targeting older adults, and those that one should always be especially aware of and the actions to avoid them. These include fake lottery scams, romance scams, computer/phone scams, grandparent scams, IRS/utility/car scams, mailbox warning, social security scams.
She encourages anyone who believes that they may have been or know a victim of elder abuse should call the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office’s Elder Abuse Hotline: 212–335–9007 and or email the information to EAU@dany.nyc.gov.
She responded to numerous questions during and after the presentation and provided a handout for reference.

5. Adjournment -
The Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully Submitted.
Chaitram Aklu