



**Westchester Unit 9200
Civil Service Employees Association
112 East Post Road
White Plains, New York 10601**

Minutes of Shop Steward / Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

Karen Pecora, President

Noel De La Cruz, 1st Vice President
Edward J. Magilton, 2nd Vice President
Jim Kelly, 3rd Vice President
[Vacant], 4th Vice President

Elio Giuliani, Treasurer
Kimberly Gotzen, Secretary
Kwabena Manu, Union Representative
Michael Wolf, Sergeant-at-Arms

- **Officers in Attendance: All officers were in attendance except 1st Vice President De La Cruz (vacation)**
- **Meeting was held at the CSEA Local 860 Office, 595 West Hartsdale Avenue, White Plains**
- **Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Pecora**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Moment of silence for past members and family members**
- **President Pecora introduced the Executive Board to the members**

Agenda Topics for Discussion

➤ **Playland Family Day**

Playland Family Day is on **June 6, 2009**. Tickets are \$15.00, with a limit of 5 tickets per member. The deadline to buy tickets at the Unit 9200 Office is **Thursday, May 28, 2009**. About 150 tickets have been sold to date. Please buy your tickets early if possible.

➤ **Sick Bank**

The Sick Bank is now up and running. Current Sick Bank Members must have donated a total of **5 days** between **October 2007** and the new deadline of **May 15, 2009** to maintain your membership. Otherwise, you may need to wait until **February 2010**, and will have to have donated a total of 6 days since October 2007 to renew your membership. New members are not being accepted at this time, but we are working with the County to negotiate a new enrollment period sometime this year.

➤ **Four-Day Work Week Proposal**

A meeting is scheduled on **Monday, May 11, 2009** with the Unit 9200 Executive Board and the County Board of Legislators Democratic Caucus to discuss the 3,000-signature member petition submitted last year supporting the Four-Day Work Week for all Departments and the status of our proposal.

➤ **Shop Stewards / Communications to CSEA Members**

We appreciate Shop Stewards attending the Monthly Meetings, and relaying information to your fellow CSEA members. However, if you change the information that is released by the Unit Office in any way, please contact the office and let us know before you forward it to other members.

➤ **Contract Language / MEDCO**

The Executive Board is meeting next week and we hope to finalize the contract language, and move forward to get the new contract printed as soon as possible. We met with MEDCO regarding the 'generic drug' issue. Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) and Non-Sedating Antihistamine (NSA) type medications should be purchased in the over-the-counter alternative form, otherwise you will be charged a \$50 co-pay at a pharmacy, or a \$100 co-pay for a 90-day supply by mail order. Please consult your doctor to find out if you can use an OTC alternative, which may be much cheaper than the prescription medications. We will be releasing information soon including lists of prescription drugs that fall into these categories. **Please note that all Generic Drugs OTHER THAN PPI's and NSA's will cost you \$0 with our new contract.** Also, please remember that maintenance prescriptions that are refilled more than once must be filled by mail order.

➤ **Scholarships**

Sergeant-at-Arms Wolf, who is also the Chair of the Unit 9200 Scholarship Committee, reported that 26 applications were received this year, and 10 winners have been selected. The decision was very difficult this year as all of the students had very impressive records. The other committee members are **Esteban Brown** (Social Services), **Hattie Adams** (Public Safety), **Zubaidah Jackson** (Probation) and **Koshy Prakash** (IT).

➤ **"Slogan for CSEA Unit 9200"**

The CSEA logo includes the slogan 'New York's Leading Union'. Unit 9200 Westchester Employees should have it's own slogan to describe our Unit. Any members who have suggestions please e-mail the Unit office.

➤ **Meet the Candidates Event**

Meet the Candidates night is **Tuesday, May 19, 2009** here at the Local 860 at 6:00 PM. Ballots will be mailed out next **Tuesday May 12, 2009**. Members can come and ask questions of the candidates.

Open Forum

Questions from members answered by President Pecora:

➤ **Some members are unsure if they have donated enough days to the Sick Bank. Is there an updated list?**

We are working on updating the list. Please ask your timekeepers how many days you have donated to the Sick Bank since October 2007, and keep in mind that with our new contract, you can now use Personal Days as well as Sick Days to donate to the Sick Bank.

➤ **How much money was raised by CSEA members for the March of Dimes Walk?**

\$650.00 was donated to the March of Dimes by CSEA after the walk on April 26, 2009.

Officer's Reports / Old Business

No Officer's Reports. No old business discussed.

New Business

➤ **The next Monthly Meeting is scheduled for: **TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009** (5:30 P.M. Light Dinner / 6:00 P.M. Meeting)**

Adjournment

➤ Raffle for CSEA Unit 9200 Jacket was won by **Barbara John** from **DOH**.

➤ **Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Gotzen

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Secretary / Chair, Communications and Public Relations Committee / Shop Steward – DSS, Unit 9200

Handouts / Attachments

- **AGENDA - OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
- **Local 860 – Defensive Driving Courses [January through June 2009]**
- **Local 860 – Defensive Driving Courses [July through November 2009]**
- **The Work Force - 'CIVIL SERVICE LAW Section 75: The Disciplinary Process'**
- **CSEA – New Yorkers Who Live On MAIN STREET Deserve Better [Omnibus Appropriations Act]**
- **The Buyer's Edge**