

Local 300 Women's Caucus Meeting
401 Broadway, Suite 1400, NYC, NY 10013
Friday, November, 18, 2005

In attendance

Linda Yancey (Chair) - Myra Williams-Orr (Stamford)
Gwen Green (NJIBMC) - Lucy Lombardo (JFK)
Yvette Johnson (BKLYN)) - Dawn Licata (NYL&DC)
Alberta Prieto (Westchester) - Minerva Fuentes (Morgan)
Taunita Chapman (Flushing) - Tammy McKinney (DVD)

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am, The minutes from the last meeting held on Friday, August 18, 2005 were read.

Old Business

Labor Day Rally

Caucus member Minerva Fuentes, Linda Yancey and former Caucus member Liz Sloan, Chief Steward of Monmouth, NJ; participated in the Labor Day event with many of the Local 300 Union Council members.

The Parade signifies one of the biggest rallies of the labor movement, supporting Laborer's fight against the anti-labor climate of the Bush Administration.

Chair Yancey said that given the current climate of the Bush Administration regarding proposed changes in Social Security, and FMLA; our postal environment and upcoming contract negotiations; it is important that our members support the Union's political agenda.

Information Guide

The pilot project relating to the Information Guides was successful.

The Caucus distributed over 1200 guides around the New York and Westchester area.

It is reported that the information has assisted many of our member's secure childcare subsidies from the State; as well as finding information that has helped remedy family situations.

The Caucus thanks the Branch Presidents of Westchester, NYL&DC, Morgan, and JFK, for their input and their assistance in the guide's

distribution. The Caucus also thanks Officer Manager Kwame Copeland for his administrative assistance. Information Guides are now being prepared for the New Jersey and Connecticut areas.

Field Associates

The Caucus has been successful in our grassroots organization efforts in encouraging the membership to volunteer for the Field Associate positions.

The FA's have proven to be a great base of active participants. Their assistance in getting feedback and comments from our members on a number of issues; has helped the Caucus to develop projects or proposals that will assist the membership to resolve work or family related issues.

Women's Chapters

Caucus Member Tammy McKinney has started a Women's Chapter in DVD. Tammy stated that although it was difficult, overall the women in DVD have been doing well. The Committee discussed work related issues in DVD. Tammy will keep the Caucus informed on DVD's Chapter activities.

The Caucus congratulated Tammy on her efforts.

The Caucus plans to organize Chapters in the other affiliated Branches around the Local.

NBCF

The Caucus will again launch our National Breast Cancer Foundation drive. Caucus members will start collecting contributions after the Making Strides event.

T-Shirts

Lucy Lombardo gave the Caucus an update on the t-shirts. The project has been successful with many members enthusiastically buying the tees. Lucy is the Caucus' Sales Coordinator. The Caucus commends Lucy on a job well done. ****All monies collected are turned over to the Local 300 Treasure.**

Newsletter

Linda asked that any items of interest for the newsletter be handed in by December 15th. Newsletter will note our achievements for the year.

New Business

T-Shirts

A discussion was held regarding selling long sleeve t-shirts for the winter. Caucus member Myra Orr stated that the membership appears to be interested in this item. Lucy will discuss our options with the vendor regarding pricing and report her findings to the Caucus at the next meeting.

Women's History Month

The Caucus discussed the commemorative premium to be distributed for Women's History Month. Alberta Prieto will bring the incentives books to the next meeting for discussion.

Contract Negotiation Surveys

The Caucus has developed a survey to distribute to the membership. The surveys were developed to get comments on wages, childcare, medical benefits and other items of interest that our members have.

Chair Yancey feels that it is essential that we not only inform our members on Union agendas, but is it equally as important to solicit their "opinions" on our work environment and our contractual efforts.

All Caucus members and Field Associates will distribute the Surveys throughout the membership.

The surveys will be forwarded to the Local's National Office.

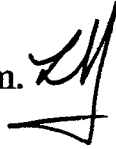
Open Forum

The group entered a discussion regarding projects that would encourage and motivate the membership in becoming politically active. The assembly also discussed holding events or seminars that target specific needs of women in the workplace. Possible suggestions were to hold a Women's Empowerment Day event.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

L. Yancey