



TWU LOCAL 100 NEWS

Station Division

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TWU Tells Hearings: 'Fire the MTA'

The MTA public hearings were held on July 13th in Manhattan and Queens and July 14th in Brooklyn & the Bronx.

To say the least TWU Local 100 members & their community & ridership allies made their voices heard.

In the Manhattan & Brooklyn hearings the TWU led a walkout of members and riders. TWU President Samuelsen spoke effectively about the need to keep booths open and the effect closings would have on the safety and security of the public and our workers.

S/A Jon Beatrice did what many TWU members wished they could:

he "fired" the entire MTA board.

As the crowd grew raucous, Station VP Maurice Jenkins first settled us down then led a walkout, along with a suggestion for a red-faced Jay Walder. A complete video can be seen at www.twulocal100.org.

In Brooklyn, TWU members and the public again let the MTA board have it. This time Stations Recording secretary Christine Williams led a walkout but not after Brooklynites made their point. These are acts of defiance, the MTA thinks that they can break this Union and our spirits, but they are mistaken. We will stand together as a Union in good times and bad. What we demonstrated in the Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens public hearings was our anger with the MTA. It was a message delivered and clearly, by the looks on the MTA boards' faces, understood. Now that the hearings are over, Jay Walder can close the booths at any time. We did a good job in making sure he heard us at the hearings, **but we need to act FAST in telling our elected officials to pass A1483.** If you can come in at the Union Hall to phone bank all Assembly Members that represent NYC, please call (212) 873-6000 x 2061 to set up a phone banking appointment. The next MTA Board meeting is on WEDNESDAY,

JULY 28TH. Please arrive at 8:30. The Board will be voting on the booth closures and the fare hike. We need everyone available to come out and have their say.

OTHER Booth Closing News:

- Local 100 President John Samuelsen and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer teamed up at a Times Square press conference July 12, 2010 to urge a "huge public outcry" at MTA hearings July 13-14, 2010 against plans to close 89 more subway booths and fire an additional 220 Station Agents.

- Eight City Council members braved record heat on the steps of City Hall to announce their support for A. 1483, a bill in the State Assembly that, if passed, would stop the layoffs of Station Agents and



President John Samuelsen, VP Maurice Jenkins, Div. Chair Derick Echevarria, and Ex. Bd. member Paul Piazza at press event with Progressive Caucus.

Conductors for a period of three years for security reasons. Call 311 to find out who your assembly person is and then call them and urge them to vote YES on A 1483.

STAY ALERT! STAY AWAKE!

It sounds like a story that veteran transit workers tell new workers to scare them. But it is true. The beakies are still out there and a group of them are now working the midnight tour, hoping to catch transit workers with their eyes closed and take them out of service. It is happening in all departments including Stations. If you see something, say something. Don't let a co-worker become the next victim.

CTA Books and Pick:

The CTA books have arrived at the Union Hall and a team of CTAs are checking them. The process goes like this: The pick room sends the books over; we have 2 weeks to check them for any "problems". Then we either accept them or not. Only then can the pick possibly begin. All CTAs who know of an unworkable job and or would like to check the job books are invited to come down to the Union Hall this week. We are ALL THE UNION, EVERY MEMBER so let's work together on this. Come to your division meeting also on Thursday the 22nd for information on

your jobs. 10a.m. and 5 p.m. Again all CTAs who would like to report "bad" CTA jobs should come down to the Union Hall 80 West End Ave. But if you cannot come to the Hall, drop us an email at jbermudez@twulocal100.org or ppiazza@twulocal100.org please include your name, the job you'd like to change, why it is questionable and a contact phone# We will be checking the CTA books starting Tuesday July 19th, so the sooner you come down the better.

We promised members during the election that they'd have more of a voice with us and we are putting our money where our mouths are.

OTO and Swaps:

The story on OTO and swaps is this: As you know our current contract gives us the ability to swap RDOs with another station member or "bank" part or all of O.T. earnings. At first OSAC claimed that their computer system had to be revamped in order to facilitate OTO and swaps. At this present time, OSAC has claims that OTO and RDO swaps are up and running. But be aware that in any new system there will be bugs and kinks to work out. Make sure that you fill out all necessary paperwork and make copies in case something goes wrong. Remember: protect yourself at all times.

A Note of Thanks:

Your Elected Officers of Stations would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all our members who have helped us in our fight back against the Lay-offs and job cuts. Whether you went to the public hearings, protested outside Jay Walder's house, came to MTA board meetings, contacted their assembly person or helped in anyway. Stations has been leading the fight, our members have been leading the way. This fight is far from over, we will still need your activism in the future, but a big THANK YOU from everyone in Stations Division.

Family Day Great Adventure July 31

ALL DAY FREE FOOD, GAMES AND RIDES \$35/person driving \$45/person bus Time is running out! Don't Wait to Make Your Reservations for Family Day 2010! Go to the weblink and register today! You can also get tickets:

- at the Union Hall, 9am-5pm
- at 180 Livingston Street, 9am-5pm
- from one of our Union Field Teams

