

## **DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2010**

**PRESENT:** See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on February 9, 2010 at 6:00pm at Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept January 12, 2010 General Membership Minutes by John Lafferty and seconded by Vern Williams. The motion was unanimously approved.

Corrections to Minutes - Page 2 stated five (5) people to attend the Saturday session of the Black & Puerto Rican caucus and six names were listed. An amendment to the motion was made by Shanomae Wiltshire and seconded by John Lafferty for six (6) people instead of five (5) people to attend the Saturday session at a total cost of \$780.00 (\$130.00 x 6=\$780.00). Motion was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2010 has been deferred for March 2010 General Membership meeting.

Lobby Day in Albany - the following members attended: President Ifill, Vice President Adams, Secretary Chapman, Shanomae Wiltshire, John Lafferty, Cheryl King and Alrita Phillips.

Governor Paterson will not take away the four percent (4%) increase in salaries from Local 1359 members. The Governor has already taken away MCs four percent (4%) increase. Members at the top of their salary grades for five (5) and ten (10) years will receive their longevity awards in April 2010.

Black History Month - Various Locals will be celebrating at DC 37 Headquarters and all members are invited. See hand-out.

DC 37 Political Action & Legislation - The 34th Annual Legislation Conference was held at DC 37 Headquarters, 125 Barclay Str., NY, NY on 1/23/2010. The following members attended: President Ifill, Vice President Adams, Shanomae Wiltshire, Alrita Phillips and Judy Glassman.

DC 37 elections were held on January 26, 2010 and President Ifill was elected as one of the Vice Presidents to serve on the DC 37 Executive Board.

Holiday Party 2010 report presented by President Ifill -

DC 37 Headquarters: available date is December 15, 2010; Local 1359 will be responsible for food, drinks, security and maintenance. Event held on Saturday, 4pm - 12 midnight is considered overtime for security personnel at a cost of \$30.00 per hour per security (\$30.00 x 3) and maintenance/cleaner - \$35.00 per hour per person x 3 people.

Alhambra Ballroom, New York, NY: available date December 4, 2010; sit down/buffet - \$48.00, taxes and gratuity = \$60.00 per plate; no parking available at the premises. There are two (2) parking garages - \$12.00 per car and \$18.00 per car, also, street parking.

El Caribe Ballroom, Mill Basin, Brooklyn, New York - available date December 18, 2010; four (4) hours at \$102.00 per plate; parking available on the premises.

Floral Terrace Ballroom, Floral Park, New York - available date December 10, 2010; \$70.00 including taxes and gratuity per plate; valet parking available.

Pat Moring submitted a proposal for Glen Terrace Ballroom, Brooklyn, New York. President Ifill stated there are no provisions for handicap and people using wheelchairs.

Mark Cohen made a proposal for each member to be given a gift card instead of the holiday party. President Ifill stated the proposal is not within legal standings.

Members voted for the Holiday Party venue:

DC 37 Headquarters - 4 votes

Alhambra Ballroom - 9 votes

El Caribe Ballroom - 4 votes

Floral Terrace Ballroom - 20 votes

The General Membership unanimously voted for the holiday party to be held at Floral Terrace Ballroom.

AFSCME 2010 Convention will be held in Boston from June 25 to July 4, 2010. Local 1359 delegation consisting of 5 members and President Ifill will arrive on June 27 and depart on July 3, 2010.

Accommodations - rooms at \$230.00 per night - 6 nights - \$1,380.00

Transportation - bus or using your personal vehicle - \$100.00

Food and transportation around Boston - \$420.00 per person

Total per person - \$1,900.00

A motion was made by Stacey Payton for six (6) people to attend the convention.

A motion was made by John Lafferty for five (5) people to attend the convention.

Members voted as follows:

Five (5) people to attend - 6 votes

Six (6) people to attend - 16 votes

Nominations for four (4) delegates plus two (2) alternates to attend will be held at March 2010 General Membership Meeting.

Joint Legislative Public Hearings - Please see hand-out.

Members are encouraged to read the Union Bulletin Board via DHCR intranet.

Governor Paterson has merged DHCR and NYHomes. See hand-out.

Empire Plan Insurance - Eighteen (18) members of Local 1359 insurance coverage have been restored.

DC 37 Prof. Representative Ms. Streeter will make inquires for promotional exams for Rent Examiners 1.

A motion to adjourn was made by Darryl Adams and seconded by Cheryl Fraser. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Michelle Chapman  
Secretary, DC-37 Local 1359