

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2010

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 replacement General Membership Meeting on April 22, 2010 at 6:00pm at Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria which was cancelled on April 13, 2010.

A motion was made to accept March 9, 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes by Mushtaq Ali and seconded by Yuklin Gueverra. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2010 by Laurence Ramer and seconded by Alrita Phillips. The motion was unanimously approved.

AFSCME 2010 International Convention: A motion was made by Shanomae Wiltshire to reconsider the number of delegates to attend the convention from 6 delegates to 4 delegates due to financial crisis. The motion was seconded by John Lafferty. Discussions on the motion were made and a vote was taken.

38 members voted in favor of the motion to send four (4) delegates.

5 members voted against the motion.

The motion to reconsider was unanimously approved to send four (4) delegates to the convention.

A motion was made by Shanomae Wiltshire for members who attended prior conventions not to be considered to attend this convention and seconded by Judy Glassman.

35 members voted for members who attended prior conventions should not be allowed to attend this convention. 1 member opposed the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Votes for three (3) delegates to attend the Convention are as follows:

John Lafferty received 35 votes

Mushtaq Ali received 21 votes

Michelle Chapman received 23 votes

Judy Glassman received 15 votes

Robert Harris received 16 votes

Stacey Payton received 29 votes

The three (3) delegates selected to attend the AFSCME International Convention are: John Lafferty; Michelle Chapman & Stacey Payton. Mushtaq Ali would be the next delegate in line to attend the convention should one of those selected be unable to attend.

President Ifill urged all members to join the People's program and delegates that are selected to attend the Convention must be members of the People's Program with a minimum of \$4.00 per pay period or MVP status to attend the workshops.

A motion was made by Manny Stetlow in opposition to the People's Program to bar non-contributing members at the MVP level from attending workshops at the ASFCME International Convention to be held from June 28 to July 2, 2010 in Boston.

DC 37 Lobby Day to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 all members are urged to attend - see handout for more information.

Pay Bills No. DH-44; DH-45 & DH-981 - see hand-outs for further information.

Memorandum of Understanding - see hand-out for more information

Members will receive their longevity payments and step increases on April 28, 2010.

On April 16, 2010, DC 37 Legal Department filed on behalf of Local 1359 a Step 3 Grievance against GOER for the withholding of our 4% salary increase which was due on April 28, 2010.

Governor Patterson proposed an early retirement incentive plan at age 55 with 25 years of service without being penalized. Also, at age 55 with 30 years of service will receive an extra month's credit for each year worked. Although, fire and police departments typically allow employees to leave after 20 years.

Members are urged to complete and mail to Albany Payroll Office "Over40 Comp time II Pilot Program" form. See hand-out for further information.

The following hand-outs are:

Test Taking Strategy Workshop

Immigration & Citizenship Workshop

Rally & March on Wall Street on April 29, 2010

Caribbean Heritage 6th Annual Interfaith Service

Labor Day Rally

Slowdown at Penn Station

Town Hall Meeting

Motion was made by President Ifill for \$1,000.00 for the holiday party advancement for the DJ, flyers and tickets and seconded by Charmaine McArthur. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President Adams will present a report on the Picnic at the next General Membership Meeting - May 2010.

Jeffery Borden presented a report on the Corporate Challenge Marathon to be held on June 17, 2010 in Central Park, NY at 7 pm. Seventeen (17) members of Local 1359 have registered to participate in the marathon. A motion was made by Jeffery Borden for \$420.00 for sponsorship for members to participate in the race seconded by Ashu. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Darryl Adams and seconded by Manny Stetlow. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Michelle Chapman
Secretary, DC 37 Local 1359