

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2011

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on January 11, 2011 at 6:17pm, Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept November 9, 2010 General Membership Minutes by Sandra Anderson and seconded by Mushtaq Ali. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Reports for November 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010 by Stacey Payton and seconded by Elizabeth Marzan.

Alexander Thomas questioned whether the printing of the calendars is part of the holiday party funds? The motion was unanimously approved.

Members of Winston Financial Services, Inc. did a presentation on "Voluntary Insurance Programs".

The Empire Plan rates are published. The rates were mailed to member's homes and can be viewed on HCR website.

AFSCME Women's' Conference will now be held in Orlando, Florida from March 18 - 20, 2011.

AFSCME union dues/per cap will not be increased.

Drug co-pay reimbursements - members will be reimbursed up to \$100.00 after spending \$150.00 in drug co-payments.

Snow day 12/27/2010 - we are awaiting the official word from Governor's Office.

Nine (9) out-of the 900 state workers laid off were NYSHCR employees.

NYC OTB Local 2021 is closed. 1,000 employees have lost their jobs.

The rent stabilization laws are scheduled for renewal in June 2011. All members are encouraged to call their senate representatives and vote to extend the rent stabilization laws/bill. Skelos Tel. # 518-455-2800 and Governor Cuomo Tel. #518-474-8390.

Vice President Adams presented the holiday party report.

AFSCME Lobby Day March 1, 2011. All members are encouraged to attend the lobby day to be held in Albany. See hand-out for more information.

Black & Puerto Rican Caucus will be held in Albany on February 18-20, 2011. See hand-out for more information.

A motion was made by President Ifill for 3 members to attend the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus and seconded by Stacey Payton. The motion was unanimously approved. President Ifill designated Vice President Adams to represent Local 1359.

The following members were nominated:

Member	Nominated by:
Viola Laidlaw	Shanomae Wiltshire
Cheryl King	George Nnochiri
John Lafferty	Cheryl Fraser
Stacey Payton	Darryl Adams
Charmaine McArthur	John Lafferty
Judy Glassman	Viola Laidlaw

All members accepted their nominations. A vote was taken. Cheryl King received 16 votes. Viola Laidlaw and Stacey Payton received 7 votes each. The motion was amended by President Ifill for 4 members to attend the caucus and seconded by Vice President Adams. The motion was unanimously approved. The members attending the caucus are Vice President Adams, Cheryl King, Viola Laidlaw and Stacey Payton. Three (3) members, President Ifill, John Lafferty and Judy Glassman will attend the Saturday session only.

Several hand-outs were distributed to members.

Shanomae Wiltshire asked about the report for the AFL-CIO conference which was held in August 2010. Since the report had not been presented, President Ifill stated that the AFL-CIO conference report would be presented at the next Local 1359 General Membership meeting, February 8, 2011.

Motion to adjourn made by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Manny Stetlow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

M. Chapman
Secretary
DC 37 Local 1359