

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2010

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on January 12, 2010 at 6:00pm at Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept November 2009 General Membership Minutes by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Alrita Phillips. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2009 & January 2010 by Ashu and seconded by John Lafferty. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sister Jacquetta Ladson asked a question about the water filters which was listed on the Treasurer's Report. President Ifill indicated the wrong water filters were purchased and will be returned and that the correct new filters will be purchased for the lunch room and pantries on the 5th & 6th floors.

Hand sanitizers - 2 are on the 5th floor & 3 are on the 6th floor. They will be maintained by Support Services - DHCR. Sister Pat Moring reminded the President that the soap dispensers are not yet installed in the 5th floor pantries.

Four percent (4%) increase in salaries will be in April 1, 2010 paychecks. The Governor proposed to cut all increases from state service this year.

AFSCME Lobby day 2/8/2010 - members are urged to come out and lobby in Albany to save state employees jobs.

DC 37 Political Action & Legislation - 34th Annual Legislation Conference at DC 37 Headquarters, 125 Barclay Str., NY, NY will be held on 1/23/2010 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Wall Street Demonstration - Will be held on 1/15/2010, members are encouraged to attend.

AFSCME per cap increase will be increased by \$.30 per pay period starting in January 2010.

The Black History Month celebrations in February 2010 - DHCR - Beaver Street celebrations to be held on 2/16/10, Ms. Ellen Downing is the coordinator. DC 37 Local 1359 has subsidized \$100.00 to Beaver Street celebrations. Pat Moring stated that John Lance was approached to organize the Gertz celebrations but has declined. DC37 Headquarters will be celebrating several days of the month with a subsidized finale on 2/26/2010.

Empire plan - New rates are available. There is still an opportunity to submit family coverage information to be re-enrolled in the Empire Plan. Members of the Empire Plan will receive letters regarding "specialty pharmacy-ACCREDITO" for special drugs.

Holiday Party - Vice President Adams submitted the holiday party report. Motion to accept made by President Ifill and seconded by Cheryl Fraser. The report was unanimously approved.

DC 37 Irish Heritage Community celebrations will be held on 3/5/2010 at DC 37 Headquarters at 5:30pm.

DC 37 Gay & Lesbian Committee will be holding their first conference at DC 37 Headquarters.

Black & Puerto Rican Caucus - The Black & Puerto Rican Caucus will be held in Albany from 2/12 - 2/14/10.

Nominations for the number of people to attend were as follows:

Motion by John Lafferty for 5 people to attend seconded by Darryl Adams.

Motion by Cheryl Fraser for 4 people to attend seconded by Jacqueline Ladson.

Motion by Alexander Thomas for 2 people to attend seconded by Cheryl Fraser

Motion by Yva Nau for 3 people to attend seconded by Mark Thompson. No motions were withdrawn.

11 people voted for 2 people to attend the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus.

17 people voted for 3 people to attend the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus.

10 people voted for 4 people to attend the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus.

4 people voted for 5 people to attend the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus.

Motion to accept to send 3 people was unanimously approved.

Nominations were made as follows: Stacey Payton, Tamara Kitt, John Lafferty & Darryl Adams.

The General Membership voted as follows:

Stacey Payton received 13 votes;

Tamara Kitt received 20 votes;

John Lafferty received 19 votes;

Darryl Adams received 16 votes.

The General Membership voted for Tamara Kitt & John Lafferty to attend the caucus with Darryl Adams as the alternate. President Ifill will lead the delegation.

Motion made for 5 people to attend the Saturday session by Yuklin Gueverra seconded by Cheryl Fraser. Motion was unanimously approved.

The 5 people selected are: Elizabeth Marzan, Keenon Roberts, Cheryl King, Faye Eagle, Viola Laidlaw & Stacey Payton at \$130.00 per person total of \$650.00.

New Business:

Pat Moring submitted a proposal for Holiday Party to be held at Alhambra Ballroom, Upper Manhattan. Sandra Walters asked "why we cannot have the holiday party at DC 37 Headquarters, 125 Barclay Street, NY, NY" President Ifill responded stating a feasibility study for the holiday party to be held at DC37 Headquarters and Alhambra Ballroom would be conducted by him and will be reported to the General Membership at February 2010 meeting.

AFSCME 2010 Convention will be held in Boston from June 28 to July 7, 2010. Nominations for delegates to attend will be held at the February 2010 General Membership Meeting.

All DC 37 Local 1359 members are encouraged to access the Union electronic bulletin board for union information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Mushtaq Ali. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Michelle Chapman
Secretary, DC-37 Local 1359