

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2008

PRESENT: See Sign-in Sheet.

A quorum was present.

President Carbone called to order the General Membership Meeting of January 8, 2008 at 6pm in the 5th floor Cafeteria at Gertz Plaza.

A motion to accept the General Membership minutes of November 13, 2008 was made by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Alrita Phillips. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report of December, 2007, January, 2008 along with the Holiday Party Report was made by Charmaine Hardaway and seconded by Dennis Ifill. The motion was unanimously approved.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: President Carbone introduced Michelle Trester, negotiator, for DC-37 and Alan Brown counsel for DC-37 along with Dennis Ifill, Darryl Adams, Charmaine Hardaway and Mushtaq Ali who were part of the Local's 2007/08 negotiating committee. The President congratulated committee members for a job well done. President Carbone then put forth a motion to ratify the Local's April 2, 2007 through April 1, 2011 collective bargaining agreement as indicated in the tentative agreement which had previously been made available to all Local members. The motion was seconded by Dennis Ifill. The motion was unanimously approved.

GERTZ MOVE: the move is on again at an accelerated pace. It has been reported that the 7th floor has been rented to a not-for-profit organization.

The Local's unfair labor practice charge is pending in Albany before PERB. There was to be a pre-hearing conference scheduled for January 14, 2008, however, we have been advised that the Governor's Office of Employee Relations will seek to postpone that conference to push the agency to change or remove many of the changes that were made improperly. The agency has, however, provided a new draft ethics guide which removed many of the illegal regulations that were complained about.

PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (PEP): the application period commences January 9, 2008 through February 11, 2008. You can turn in 3 vacation days for a \$450.00 credit against your 2008 co-premium health insurance payments.

LOCAL 1359 HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT: the Holiday Party was held on December 16, 2007 at the Floral Terrace Catering Hall. The party was a success. Rosalie Rosario and Shanomae Wiltshire were presented with awards showing their loyal service to the Local.

The New York State 2008 standard mileage reimbursement rate has increased to \$.50.5 per mile up from \$.48.5 per mile in 2007.

BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN CAUCUS: the Caucus will run from February 15 through Feb 17, 2008. The DC-37 reception will be held Saturday, February 16, 2008 between 5 and 7pm in the Albany Club Room. A delegation of 3 people will be sent to the Caucus.

The cost will be as follows:

Hotel	-	\$120.00 per day x 3 days = \$360.00
Concert	-	\$ 50
Dinner	-	\$175.00
Train	-	\$105.00
Food/Trans	-	\$310.00

Vice President Ifill made a motion to expend (subject to receipts) up to \$1,000.00 per delegate, for three delegates to attend the Black and Puerto Rican caucus in Albany. The motion was seconded by Darryl Adams. The motion was unanimously approved.

After a vote of members at the meeting (successful candidate totals shown at right, below), the delegation will consist of:

Darryl Adams	28
Charmaine Hardaway	19
John Lafferty	16

The Empire drug program has changed as of January, 2008. The new vender is now MEDCO. No new cards will be given. Members should refer to the Drug RX number UH0712959 and the Bank ID number 610014 if they experience problems in obtaining prescription medication.

On January 10, 2008, DC-37 is showing a film "At the River I Stand" about the 1960 Sanitation strike in room 1 at 6pm. All are invited.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Charmaine Hardaway. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.

/s/ Charmaine Hardaway
CHARMAINE HARDAWAY
Secretary, Local 1359

Approved: February 12, 2008