

**DC-37 LOCAL 1359  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2007**

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President Carbone called to order the General Membership meeting of January 9, 2007 at 6pm in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor cafeteria at Gertz Plaza.

A motion to accept the General Membership minutes of November 14, 2006 was made by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Alrita Phillips. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports of December, 2006 and January, 2007, which report also contained the 2006 Local 1359 AFSCME Delegate International Convention expense report, was made by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Cheryl Fraser. The motion was unanimously approved.

A moment of silence was taken for Eleanor Oppenheimer a former Executive Board Member who recently died.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No Commissioner for DHCR has yet been appointed by the new Governor.

On December 4, 2006 President Carbone testified against DHCR's proposed pro-owner amendments to the Rent Stabilization Code and the Rent and Evictions Regulations. Copies of the testimony were distributed at the meeting and can also be found on the Local's web site. The President noted that on January 2, 2007 all of the pro-landlord regulations were withdrawn by the Spitzer Administration.

EMPIRE PLAN: as of January 1 2007, Quest Diagnostic is no longer being utilized by the Empire Plan. Members in the Empire Plan must now use LabCorp or a local provider that is subject to the Empire Plan. A handout on the change was distributed at the meeting along with the 2007 Preferred Empire Plan drug list.

2007 PREMIUM RATES: Empire Plan – family: \$92.54, individual: \$22.54; for HIP – family: \$88.97, individual: \$19.67.

The latest figures for Local 1359 members who are participating in the NYS Ride (Transit check) program indicate that 70 members, or 19% of the Local, are in the program.

There is a clerk 2, calculation clerk 2 and agency service representative promotional exam (grade 9) that Local members who are in clerk 1 and keyboard specialist 1 titles are eligible to take. The application period expires January 29, 2007. The exam will be held on March 24, 2007. President Carbone has advised eligible members of this exam and noted that preparation books are available at no charge from clerical representative Cheryl Fraser. The information also appears on the Local website.

BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN CAUCUS: the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Black and Puerto Rican Caucus will be held February 16 thru February 18, 2007. President Carbone recommended that a 3 member delegation be sent to the Caucus.

Vice President Ifill gave a financial report on a per delegate basis:

Hotel	-	\$352.26	\$117.42 per day x 3 days
Event Concert	-	\$ 45.00	
Jazz Concert	-	\$ 10.00	
Caucus Dinner	-	\$ 150.00	

Vice President Ifill recommended that the delegation receive \$800.00 per delegate to offset expenses at the Caucus.

President Carbone made a motion to authorize \$800.00 per delegate subject to receipts for 3 members. The motion was seconded by Darryl Adams. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Carbone then opened the floor for requests to attend the event. Ultimately, three members requested to attend and were approved to go: Dennis Ifill; Keenon Roberts & Rochelle Davis. Said members will constitute the Local 1359 delegation to the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus.

President Carbone announced to the General Membership that Rochelle Davis has taken William Miller's place as delegate to DC-37.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Cheryl Fraser. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

/s/ Charmaine Hardaway  
CHARMAINE HARDAWAY  
Secretary, Local 1359

Approved by Membership: February 13, 2007