

# DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2008

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President Ifill called to order the General Membership Meeting of June 10, 2008 at 6pm in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor cafeteria at Gertz Plaza.

A motion to accept the General Membership Meeting minutes of May 13, 2008 was made by Alrita Phillips and seconded by Joyce Hylton Spence. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May and June, 2008 was made by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Charmaine Hardaway. The motion was unanimously approved.

AFSCME CONVENTION: the Convention will be held on July 28 – August 1, 2008 in San Francisco, CA. The Executive Board met on June 3, 2008 at 125 Barclay St., and recommended to send 4 delegates to the Convention in San Francisco, CA. A motion was made by President Ifill at the General Membership meeting to accept the Executive Board's motion. The motion was unanimously approved. A vote was taken to select the remaining 3 delegates to attend the Convention. The election committee: Yuklin Guevara and Alrita Phillips.

Keenon Roberts	8	Darryl Adams	23	Cheryl Fraser	23
Shonamae Wiltshire	27	Ahmed Ali	8	Charmaine Hardaway	16

The following will attend the Convention, Darryl Adams, Cheryl Fraser and Shonamae Wiltshire.

Hotel	\$200.00 x 6 nights = \$1200.00
Air	\$600.00
Food	\$400.00
Total	\$2200.00 x 4 delegates = \$8,800

President Ifill made a motion to allocate \$8,800.00 for 4 delegates to attend the AFSCME Convention in San Francisco. The motion was seconded by Martha Greene. The motion was unanimously approved.

Employees will be receiving all retroactive monies due on June 11, 2008 as part of our contract agreement. However, due to a computer error some employee's paychecks were miscalculated \$25.00 for 5 pay periods. They will be receiving their money in the June

25th paycheck. Also, some employees will receive an increase due to meal allowances going back to March, 2007.

EXAMS: there will be a Secretary 1 and 2 exams which are out to be written in September. The deadline for filing is June 14, 2008. Keyboard Specialist and Data Entry 1 are entitled to take the Secretary 1 exam. Anyone who is a Specialist 2 or Date Entry 2 or a Secretary 1 is entitled to that the Secretary 2 exam. Study materials will be provided.

There is a rally in Atlantic City on June 21, 2008. Please show your support by attending.

ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR: DC-7 is having a Housing Fair on June 25, 2008 from 9:00am – 4:00pm at 125 Barclay St. in room 1. There will be workshops on home ownership, reverse mortgage, credit counseling and foreclosure prevention.

On Sunday, September 14, 2008 DC-37's Education Committee will be hosting a Scholarship Dinner Dance at Anton's Caterers, in Queens Village. Price \$125.00.

In a letter to Ted Minissale the MC's are requesting that the air quality on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor be tested.

CONSOLIDATED TITLES: President Ifill informed the General Membership that the issue has been brought before DC-37 and an attorney (Anita Gorman) was assigned to the case.

COMPRESS TIME: President Ifill handed out copies of side letters for compress time. The first letter shows the procedure when an employee is denied an alternate work schedule. The second letters state "that the employer may not remove or substantially modify this program without providing reasonable advance notification to the union and by further providing the union with the opportunity to comment upon and meet with the employer prior to implementation of any such change".

OVERTIME: members who work overtime are allowed to bank up to 200 hours which must be use within the calendar year.

President Ifill made available copies of the local's benefit plan through DC-37 from 2007 through 2011.

AFL-CIO CONVENTION: the Convention will be held at the Sheridan Hotel in New York City from August 17 – 19, 2008. The Executive Board recommended a \$30.00 a day allowance per person, (\$4.00 carfare, and \$26.00 meal allowance). The following members are interested.

Yuklin Guarvera	Michelle Chapman	Alrita Phillips	Ahmed Ali	John Lafferty
Theressa Allen	Martha Greene	Cheryl King	Ashu Vyas	Marc Cohen

President Ifill made a motion to allocate \$900.00 to send 10 local 1359 members to the AFL-CIO Convention to be held at the Sheridan Hotel in New York City from August 17 – 19, 2008. The motion was seconded by John Lafferty. The motion was unanimously approved.

DHCR FAMILY DAY: will be held on Friday, July 25, 2008 at Sunken Meadows State Park. Brunch will be served. The bus will make three stops, Bronx, Brooklyn and Gertz Plaza. A motion was made by Vice President Adams to allocate \$1240.00 for the bus and permit fee which will be transporting members to the outing. The motion was seconded by Charmaine Hardaway and Cheryl Fraser. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to allocate up to \$1500.00 for the local brunch. The motion was seconded by Alrita Phillips. The motion was unanimously approved.

HOLIDAY PARTY: a motion was made by Vice President Adams to allocate \$1500.00 for the DJ, Hall and tickets, for the Holiday Party with the understanding that any monies not spent will be returned to the treasury. The motion was seconded by Michelle Chapman and Martha Greene. The motion was unanimously approved.

GERTZ MOVE: the move to the six floor will be delayed because the layout on the 5th floor is not the same as the layout on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. There are different levels on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

RENT GUIDELIN BOARD: the Rent Guideline Board will be meeting on June 11, and June 16, 2008. The final meeting will be June 19, 2008. There is a 3.5% to 7% increase for a 1 year lease term and 5.5% to 9.5% for a 2 years lease term.

Any and all members attending the AFSCME Convention and the AFL-CIO Convention must submit receipts for all monies spent.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charmaine Hardaway and seconded by Cheryl Fraser. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

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CHARMAINE HARDAWAY  
Secretary, Local 1359