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**DC-37
LOCAL 1359
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2006**

Present: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President Carbone called to order the General Membership Meeting of June 13, 2006 at 6pm in the 5th floor cafeteria at Gertz Plaza.

A motion was made to accept the General Membership minutes of May, 2006 by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Cheryl Fraser. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report of June, 2006 was made by Dennis Ifill and seconded by Charmaine Hardaway. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The nomination and election of delegates to the AFSCME International Convention in Chicago, Ill between August 6 and August 11, 2006 occurred. A proposed expense report was distributed. President Carbone advised the General Membership that AFSCME permits the local to send up to 4 delegates pursuant to the Local Constitution, (the President plus up to 3 other delegates).

A discussion was held with respect to how many delegates to send. A vote was taken to send 4 delegates to the AFSCME International Convention. It was unanimous.

The following members were unanimously approved by the membership to form the election committee to handle the selection of those delegates to attend the Convention with the Local President:

Larry Ramer
Mark Cohen
Rose Rosario

The following members were nominated for delegate to the AFSCME Convention,

Dennis Ifill	John Lafferty
Bill Miller	Ahmed Ali
Darryl Adams	Shila Hiranandani
Shanomae Wiltshire	Mahesh Shah

A secret ballot was held. The ballots were then counted by the election committee at the General Membership meeting.

The election results are as follows:

Dennis Ifill	13 votes	John Lafferty	12
Bill Miller	20 votes	Ahmed Ali	6
Darryl Adams	13 votes	Shila Hiranandani	0
Shanomae Wiltshire	21 votes	Mahesh Shah	6

The following members were elected to be delegates to the AFSCME International Convention for Local 1359,

Shanomae Wiltshire Bill Miller Darryl Adams *

- Dennis Ifill and Darryl Adams tied at 13 votes each. However, Dennis Ifill withdrew his name.

President Carbone put forth a motion to allocate up to \$1600.00 per delegate pursuant to the expense report that was issued, subject to receipts. Dennis Ifill seconded the motion. A budget of \$1600.00 per delegate was unanimously approved.

CSEA and other unions will be introducing a retirement incentive bill in the State legislature. This bill will permit employees who have 25 years of service and are 55 years or older to retire without penalty. This bill will affect members in tiers 2, 3 and 4 who have less than 30 years of service and are between ages 55 and 62.

President Carbone obtained a copy of the Local's original Charter which will hang in the local's office at DC-37, room 750A. The local was chartered by AFSCME in 1962.

GERTZ PLAZA NEWS: a meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2006 concerning fire/safety issues.

NYS RIDE/TRANSIT CHECK PROGRAM: there are 66 Local 1359 members participating in the program-a participation rate of 17%. Commuter cards (Debit Cards) are not yet available from the Program.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: the unions' Promotion Test Battery exam appeal (to protest the reduction from 10 years to 4 years of validity of test score was denied on May 15, 2006 by the Commission.

RENT INSPECTORS RECLASSIFICATION: on May 16, 2006 a letter was sent to Daniel Wall, Commissioner of Civil Service to re-classify the Inspector title Grades from Grades 11 and 14 to Grades 14 (for Rent Inspector I) and Grade 18 (for Rent Inspector 2). DHCR supports the reclassification. The matter is pending before the Commission

PROMOTION LISTS: promotion list for Rent Examiner I, II and III, and Rent Program Specialist 1 and 2 and trainees have been extended to July, 2008.

2005 SEFA: Gertz Plaza raised \$19, 386, almost 18% above the goal of \$16,500.

The 2003-07 union contract books have been distributed. Anyone needing a copy should see President Carbone.

A news article concerning DHCR and Rent Regulation was made available.

RENT GUIDELINES BOARD: the final vote will be held June 27, 2006 on lease increases for stabilized apartments for the period October 1, 2006 thru September 20, 2007.

FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNT: The Dependent Card Advantage account, an aspect of the Flex Spending Account, is re-opened for people who have summer day care expenses this summer. Anyone interested can access the Civil Service Web Site or the GOER Web Site.

PICNIC COMMITTEE REPORT: the picnic will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at Sunken Meadows State Park. On May 9, 2006 the General Membership approved \$1500.00 to offset expenses with the understanding that the three local's (DC-37, CSEA and PEF) will share expenses equally. From the \$1500.00, \$939.75 will be used to pay for the bus and \$35.00 will be used to pay for the park permit.

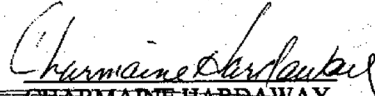
The Picnic Committee sent President Carbone a request for a \$300.00 contribution to offset expenses for events that are planned for the children. A motion was made to allocate \$300.00 from the \$1500.00 for events planned for the children. The motion was seconded by Mushtaq Ali. Larry Ramer made a motion to reduce the amount to \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Alan Raff. The motion failed (3 votes). The original motion to allocate \$300.00 was voted on. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Ifill to allocate \$800.00 to the Local's picnic brunch. The motion was seconded by Charmaine Hardaway. A discussion was held. The motion to approve \$800.00 to fund the local's brunch to be held at Sunken Meadows State Park was unanimously approved.

HOLIDAY PARTY: a motion was made by Vice President Ifill to allocate \$1500.00 for the Holiday Party. \$1000.00 will be used for the down payment and the additional monies will be used for the printing of the tickets and the DJ. The Holiday Party will be held at Bruno's on the Blvd or Antun's Caterer's. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Miller and seconded by Naimah Bilal. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.



~~CHARMAINE HARDAWAY~~

Secretary
Local 1359