

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2010

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on June 8, 2010 at 6:00pm, Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept June 8, 2010 General Membership Minutes by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Yuklin Roberts. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report for expenses from May 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 reported in June 2010 by Christina Hughes and seconded by Alrita Phillips. The motion was unanimously approved.

Corrections by Alexander Thomas - The Treasurer's Report should be dated month/day/year to month/day/year.

AFSCME Convention 2010: On Wednesday, May 26, 2010 a Special General Membership Meeting was held for the nominations/elections for three (3) delegates to attend the AFSCME Convention 2010 to be held in Boston. The three (3) elected delegates are Michelle Chapman, John Lafferty and Mushtaq Ali.

Early retirement incentive: Please see hand-out for further information.

Governor Patterson has proposed an early retirement incentive plan with age 55 with 25 years of service without being penalized; age 55 with 30 years of service will receive an extra month's credit for each year worked.

Furlough: On Friday, May 28, 2010, the Judge issued an Order denying Governor Paterson to furlough State workers stating it is unconstitutional and not economical. Also, the Judge issued an order for the Governor to pay State worker their four percent (4%) pay increase. The Order is posted on DC 37 Local 1359 website.

Picnic report by Vice President Adams: The picnic will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at Jacob Riis Park in Far Rockaway, Section - Tilden Drill. A bus will be provided leaving Fordham, Bronx at 8:00am, Gertz Plaza at 9:00am. The cost of the bus is: Members - \$8.00; non-members - \$10.00 and children occupying a seat - \$8.00. Members driving will be given a permit for free parking. Food and beverage will be in a central location for all members. The cost for the bus is \$1,095.00, \$50.00 for park's application and \$150.00 bond fee to keep the park clean for a total of \$1,300.00.

A motion was made by Darryl Adams for \$1,300.00 for the cost of the bus and the park's fees seconded by Mushtaq Ali. Discussions followed. The motion was unanimously approved for the cost of the picnic.

A motion was made by President Ifill for \$1,000.00 to provide a brunch for Local 1359 members and seconded by Charmaine McArthur. Discussions followed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Local 1359 Education Committee report by Stacey Payton: A meeting was held on May 7, 2010. Four (4) \$500.00 scholarship awards will be awarded to Local 1359 Members children and grandchildren that are in college. The awards will be presented at Local 1359 Holiday Party. The committee will present the criteria at the next General Membership Meeting to be held on September 14, 2010.

Various hand-outs were distributed. All members are encouraged to read the hand-outs for further information.

Holiday Party Report: Local 1359 Holiday Party will be held at Floral Terrace, entertainment will be a live band including DJ. Tickets cost are members \$35.00 and guests \$45.00.

New York State AFL-CIO Convention will be held in Albany, New York from August 15 and 16, 2010 at Desmond Hotel Conference Center. A motion was made by President Ifill for \$1,400.00 (\$700.00 for each delegate) for two (2) delegates to attend seconded by Stacey Payton. Discussions followed. President Ifill elected Vice President Adams as one of the delegate to will attend the conference.

The nominations were held for a second delegate. Stacey Payton, Ahmad Ali and Helen Fang were nominated.

A vote was taken as follows:
Stacey Payton received 15 votes;
Ahmad Ali received 7 votes and
Helen Fang received 7 votes.

Stacey Payton was elected as the second delegate to attend the AFL-CIO Convention.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Stacey Payton. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Michelle Chapman
Secretary
DC 37 Local 1359