

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2010

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on November 9, 2010 at 6:00pm, Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept October 12, 2010 General Membership Minutes by Mushtaq Ali and seconded by Rosalina Nitard. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report for expenses in October 31, 2010 by Alrita Philips and seconded by John Lafferty. The motion was unanimously approved.

Empire Plan - The new rates will take effect on January 2011. The transfer period becomes effective one (1) day after the new rates are published for 30 days. Medical insurance coverage for children up to age 26 becomes effective January 1, 2011. Information/brochures will be mailed to members home. For further information see Memo from Gerald Burke dated 11/2/2010 "NYSHIP Coverage of Children to Age 26".

Hand-out:

Memo from Gerald Burke dated 11/2/2010 "Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP)

Flex Spending Account - The deadline for members to apply is 11/15/2010. All members are encouraged to join. The Flex Spending is a negotiated benefit. For more information visit: www.flexspend.ny.gov

Compress Time/Alternate Work Schedules - Effective 11/25/2010 all alternate work schedules have been approved.

Joint Labor Union Meeting - UAWU, CSEA, PEF, DC 37 and Local 1359 meeting has been rescheduled due to an ongoing court proceedings with NYHomes and Governor Paterson.

President Ifill thanked John Lafferty and Judy Glassman for attending the Town Hall Meeting and the Civil Service Round Table Meeting held at DC 37 Headquarters.

2010 General Election - The candidates endorsed by DC 37 have been elected.

Hand-outs:

AFSCME Women's Eastern Conference

DC 37 Health & Nutrition Committee, DC 37 Disability Committee & DC 37 Women's Committee presents "A Health Symposium".

DC 37 Women's Committee presents "The Women's Leadership Cafe".

Timesunion.com Re: Lay-off of State Workers

Veterans Recognition celebration by John Liu on 11/15/2010 at Surrogate Court House

DC 37 Local 1359 Holiday Party will be held at Floral Terrace on 12/10/2010 from 9pm - 2am.

Tickets are available. Tickets cost: members and first guest \$35.00; additional guest \$50.00 and retirees of Local 1359 \$35.00.

ORA Holiday Party will be held at Bruno on the Blvd on 12/9/2010 from 1pm - 5pm. A motion was made by President Ifill for \$500.00 to offset the expenditures; the Bureau Directors and the Deputy Commissioner will refund a portion of the \$500.00 to the treasury and seconded by Laurence Ramer. Discussions were held. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bedbugs - On 10/14/2010 an insect was found in the overcharge Unit, 6th floor and was sent out for testing. The results are not yet available. DC 37 Health & Security was informed of the situation.

DC 37 Headquarters will be closed on November 11 & 12, 2010.

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Holidays to all members and their families.

New Business:

Vice President Adams encouraged members to use the bathrooms properly.

Local 1359 will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in June 2012.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on January 11, 2011.

Motion to adjourn made by Keenon Roberts and seconded by Stacey Payton.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

M. Chapman
Secretary
DC 37 Local 1359