

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2010

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on October 12, 2010 at 6:00pm, Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept September 14, 2010 General Membership Minutes by Rosie Rosario and seconded by David Owens. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report for expenses in August 31, 2010 reported in September 2010 by Rosie Rosario and seconded by John Lafferty. The motion was unanimously approved.

Corporate Challenge member, Jonathan Wallach presented an award to President Ifill and Vice President Adams for supporting the corporate challenge.

Early retirement incentive program: Employees were offered the early retirement incentive program; 76 accepted including 33 Local 1359 members.

Local 1359 co-sponsored the retirement party for 24 retirees held on September 23, 2010 at Bruno on the Boulevard.

Bed bugs - The final extermination treatment was done on September 28, 2010. The inspector is scheduled to return for an inspection. A meeting will be scheduled between DHCR management and the building management. A Union Representative (President Ifill or Vice President Adams) will attend the meeting.

President Ifill thanked the members for attending the rally held in Washington, DC on October 2, 2010.

Labor Management Meeting: A joint labor management meeting was held on 9/28/10. DC 37 representatives (Phyllis Streeter & Michele Trester), Local 1359, PEF and CSEA representatives attended the meeting. The meeting was based on the integration process between DHCR and NY Homes.

Empire Plan: The first increase occurred on October 1, 2010 to include Medicaid Part B. On January 1, 2011 the new rates will take effect.

Flex Spending Account: All members are encouraged to join the program. The program offers child care, elder care, dental care and eye care expenses coverage. The State matches your contribution. See your EAP Coordinator for more information.

Alternate Work Schedule: Employees must apply or reapply for the 9 days or 8 days schedule. Employees with 8 days work schedule will retain that schedule.

Local 1359 contributed \$300.00 to the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. All members are encouraged to attend the celebration at NY Homes Conference Room in New York City.

Hand-outs:

- DC 37 Annual Legislative Conference will be held at DC 37 on 10/23/2010 from 9am to 3pm.
- DC 37 Civil Service Round Table Workshop will be held at DC 37 on 10/27/2010 at 6pm.
- Secretary-Treasurer of AFSCME, Lee Sanders will hold a Regional Town hall meeting at DC 37 on 10/25/2010 at 6pm, Room 1.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Candidates' endorsement for Election 11/2/2010: DC 37 Delegate Body has voted to remove Ruben Diaz from the Election Endorsement Recommendation List.

John Lafferty presented the AFSCME Convention Boston 2010 report.

DC 37 Local 1359 Holiday Party tickets are available. Tickets cost: members and first guest \$35.00; additional guest \$50.00.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacey Payton and seconded by Rosalinda Nitard. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Michelle Chapman
Secretary
DC 37 Local 1359