

DC-37 LOCAL 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES **September 14, 2010**

PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order Local 1359 General Membership Meeting on September 14, 2010 at 6:00pm, Gertz Plaza, 6th floor cafeteria.

A motion was made to accept June 8, 2010 General Membership Minutes by Manny Stetlow and seconded by Faye Eagle. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Reports for expenses in June 30, 2010, July 31, 2010 and August 31, 2010 reported in September 2010 by Faye Eagle and seconded by Elizabeth Marzan. The motion was unanimously approved.

AFSCME Convention Boston 2010: The report will be presented by delegate, John Lafferty at the next General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

Picnic report presented by Vice President Darryl Adams - picnic was successful. Gertz baseball team is the winner of the baseball game and has retained the trophy. Some members have requested that the picnic be held at the same venue next year. The budget for the picnic to be reexamined.

Early retirement incentive program: Governor Paterson had introduced an early retirement incentive program; 200 employees were applicable for the incentive. 38 members of Local 1359 have applied and approved for the incentive program (Beaver Street - 7 members, Gertz - 26 members, Fordham - 4 members and Upper Manhattan - 1 member).

A motion was made by President Ifill for \$3,000.00 to subsidize/offset the retirement party and seconded by Vice President Adams.

Discussions - Local 1359 will be subsidizing a retirement party and 25 retiring members have joined the party. The party will be held at Bruno's on the Boulevard, Astoria, NY on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Cost per person - \$40.00; gift only \$20.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bed bugs - Bed bugs were found on the 6th floor, Public Information area. The entire 6th floor was exterminated. The first extermination treatment was done on August 27, 2010; second extermination treatment done on September 9, 2010 and the third treatment date will be announced. The inspector will check/inspect the 5th floor, 6th floor and 7th floor.

Fire Exits Stairways K & L: These exits have been reconstructed/re-routed to Jamaica Avenue.

Hand-outs:

- DC 37 AFSCME March to Washington will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010. All members are encouraged to attend.
- African American Day Parade on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 1:00pm. DC 37 Executive Director Lillian Roberts will be the grand marshal.

The Executive Board Member on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 approved \$500.00 to be donated to Pakistan aide relief.

Empire Plan: Medicaid Part B will be included into members medical plans bi-weekly deductions effective as of October 1, 2010.

Drug Reimbursements Co-pay: Over 100 members/retirees received \$100.00 reimbursements from drug reimbursements co-pay totaling over \$10,000.

Holiday Party Report: Local 1359 Holiday Party will be held at Floral Terrace on Friday, December 10, 2010, 9:00pm to 2:00am, entertainment will be a live band including DJ.

A motion was made by President Ifill for \$18,000.00 for the holiday party and seconded by Stacey Payton. Discussions. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Adams and seconded by Rosalinda Nitard. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Michelle Chapman
Secretary
DC 37 Local 1359