

## **DC-37 Local 1359 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

**PRESENT:** See sign-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

President, Dennis Ifill called to order the General Membership Meeting of September 8, 2009 at 6:00pm in the 6th floor cafeteria at Gertz Plaza.

President Ifill said the June 2009 Minutes was deferred to October 2009 General Meeting.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report for the months of July, August and September 2009. The motion was made by Cheryl Fraser and seconded by Yuklin Guervera. The motion was unanimously approved.

At the September 2009 Executive Board Meeting, Michelle Chapman was appointed Secretary of Local 1359. Sister Chapman was sworn in by Phyllis Streeter, DC-37 Professional Representative at 9/8/2009 General Meeting.

**GERTZ MOVE TO 5TH FLOOR:** The Deputy Commissioner has confirmed the move from the 4th floor to 5th floor has been scheduled for weekend September 25, 2009.

**LABOR DAY PARADE:** The official Labor Day parade is scheduled for September 12, 2009 at 9:00pm. Our Executive Director, Lilian Roberts will be the Grand Marshall for the parade. All employees who wishes to attend the parade will meet at East 45th Str (between 5th Ave and Madison Ave).

**AFSCME FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP:** All interested employees can retrieve the information from the Union Electronic Bulletin Board via DHCR Intranet.

**EMPIRE PLAN INCREASE:** The Per Cap increase for out-of-pocket for 7/2009 thru 7/2010 will be increased by three percent (3.3%):

Single coverage - from \$281.00 to \$290.00

Family coverage - from \$600.00 to \$620.00

For further information see the Union Electronic Bulletin Board.

**DEPENDENTS' HEALTH CARE COVERAGE:** The Bill has been passed by the Assembly to cover dependents up to 29 years old and becomes effective January 2010.

**CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL:** Per cap has been increased by a penny effective July 1, 2009 - \$0.21; July 1, 2010 - \$0.22 and July 1, 2011 - \$0.23. The rate is set by the Council and is not debatable.

**UPDATES:** Before the summer break, there were a number of outstanding (IPS) Improper Practice Charges:

1. Letter regarding Governor's give back - On September 16, 2009 at 12 noon a conference will be held.

2. Consolidation of titles - according to the Director of Civil Service, the Union can not challenge the consolidation of titles. Only employees can challenge the consolidation of titles through the Union. Therefore, volunteers who are affected are asked to come forward to fight the consolidation of titles. Additional information will be posted on the ***Union Electronic Bulletin Board*** which is assessable through DHCR Intranet.

3. Promotional examination fees - A Hearing is scheduled for October 16, 2009.

**PICNIC REPORT:** Vice President Darryl Adams submitted the report.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** The Holiday Party will be held at Floral Terrace, Jericho Turnpike on Friday, December 18, 2009, from 9pm - 2am. A motion was made to allocate the sum of \$18,000 for the funding of the party. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Fraser. Motion was unanimously approved.

John Lafferty was recognized for an outstanding performance of acting secretary for Local 1359.

Due to paper shortage, all Union Information will be communicated to you through the Union Electronic Bulletin Board via DHCR Intranet.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Michelle Chapman  
Secretary, DC-37 Local 1359