

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

December 12, 2011

Called to order by President Jos Williams at 4:25p.

President Williams introduced new Board member Katherine Taylor of SEIU 1199, and new Assistant Mobilizer Julia Kann.

Minutes: November minutes were approved with the correction that Sandra Falwell was excused from the November 17 Executive Board meeting.

Financial Report: Moved, seconded and approved to receive the November financial report.

Correspondence

- \$100 recommended for the 21st annual Covenant House Christmas Party held by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton on December 21.

- \$100 recommended for the ANC 4D Holiday Gift Drive, to be distributed via the Community Services Agency.

Community Services Agency (Kathleen McKirchy)

□ Holiday baskets: gift cards are best (Shoppers, Safeway or Giant)

□ Bowling: January 29; still time for teams to register for this fun event!

□ Building Futures Update: DOL 3-year contract; grants for \$30,000 & \$25,000 from Marpat Foundation.

Union Cities

(Chris Garlock/Julia Kann)

□ Occupy DC update: DC now probably only major city

where occupiers haven't been removed; resources running low and help needed. Watch Union City for updates on current needs and how to help. This movement is raising issues about wealth disparities and jobs that have been the focus of the labor movement for years and deserves our strong support. Discussion followed.

□ 2012 Council Directory in production: be sure to check and update your local's listing!

□ Upcoming events:

- 12/14: Joseph McCartin: "Collision Course" Luncheon and Lecture

- 12/15: DC Labor Walk: Teamsters History Tour (benefits CSA)

COPE Report (Rick Powell)

□ D.C. COPE Report – Respect Wal-Mart Update: very disappointed that labor did not get a chance to comment on the Mayor's CBA with Walmart, but this issue is far from over.

□ Pending Legislation, 1st Source passed Final Reading in DC Council; Workplace Fraud

□ P.G./Mont. COPE Report – 1st meeting of merged COPE, chaired by Doris Reed. Major issue was question of how to score elected officials. Also, motion recommended by COPE that the Council support PG public sector locals, all of whom are now in negotiations with County. Amended to include Montgomery County locals, also now in negotiations, and unanimously passed.

□ Legislative Update, Labor Peace

□ Congresswoman Donna Edwards Endorsement & Labor Campaign Plan

□ Tri-County COPE Report – formation of Arundel County COPE is making progress

President's Report (Jos Williams)

- Working on setting up another meeting with Mayor Gray; many locals are disappointed with the failure to deliver on campaign promises to labor

- Also hope to convene a meeting of public sector locals before the holidays to deal with the ongoing issues and attacks. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the attacks are also on private sector locals, and President Williams made a commitment to re-circulate the proposal made earlier this year to see if there's any more support for action in 2012

- Evening with Labor

□ Awards: COPE- DC and MD; Organizing; Golden Picket; JC Turner; Outstanding Citizen; Community Services Agency award. Discussion: recommendations to be made prior to the holidays following discussion via email. President Williams appointed a committee to make a recommendation on the JC Turner Award: D Reed, Renne, Boardman, Jeter, Johnson and Allen.

□ Budget: After extensive discussion on the issue, it was moved, seconded and approved to raise the ticket cost

ATTENDANCE

Present: Williams, Renne, Falwell, Briscoe, Bridges, Perez, Dyer, Frederick, Murphy, Martin, Bowman, Tarlau, Allen, Taylor.

Excused: D. Reed, C. Reed, Graham, Contreras, Ayres

Absent: Boardman, Goldman, Ratliff, Johnson, Garland, Gaines

Also attending: Gerald Warrick (Laborers 657); Steve Courtien (Painters); Boris Chumak WTU 6).

Staff: McKirchy, Garlock, Powell, Kann

to \$150 – the first increase in many years – and also to increase program ad costs and seek additional sponsors.

Reports of Board Members

- Dwight Bowman, AFGE, raised the issue of a PG Councilmember citing the Bible for his opposition to the Marriage Equality Act, which raises serious separation of church and state issues.

- Dan Dyer, OPEIU 2 reported that after battling Metro for three years, an arbitrator has agreed to issue an award in the next two weeks.

- Nathan Saunders, WTU 6, noting that the Rolark Award was not given in 2011, urged that it be given in 2012 and offered to fund the cash part of the award.

- Tony Perez, UFCW 400 reported that the local had avoided a strike and won one



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of the best contracts in the country for 5,000 members in West Virginia. He also reported on the local's opposition to the proposed Whole Foods in College Park – which is also opposed by residents concerned about traffic – and it was moved, seconded and approved that the Council is on record as opposing the Caffritz project, which includes the proposed College Park Whole Foods.

- Jimmy Tarlau, CWA District 2 reported that the Verizon workers have had no contract for four months now, but that the \$20,000 Verizon was trying to squeeze out of them may have been reduced to \$10,000.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35p