



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: October 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 4:16 by President Williams

Minutes (September): moved and seconded to adopt. Approved. (*Corrections: Bob Stewart, not Stewart; J Williams, AFSCME 2477; too much space by ATU*)

Financial Report (September): moved and seconded to accept. Approved.

Correspondence

Thank-you letter from Women for County Progress for Council support.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported on ongoing employee giving campaigns: "Really really need your support to get the word out; only 1,500 folks support and that's unconscionable when we have 150,000 union member in the area." She also reported on the recent CSA Golf Tournament, thanking those who supported and participated; event cleared \$20,000 for Emergency Assistance Fund. "Thanks for your support!"

Gino Renne (UFCW 1994) thanked Board members for their support and for showing up at last week's Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) press conference on Question B and Montgomery County's efforts to eliminate 'effects bargaining.' "We need to stand together when elected officials start tampering with the rights of working families, Renne said, thanking President Williams for his leadership on the issue; "It means a lot to us." Renne introduced FOP's **Torrie Cook**, who also expressed his thanks to the Board, noting that "this has been a long 4-year struggle." Cook reviewed details of the FOP's battles with the County. Renne said they're also asking for contri-

butions to win this fight, saying that "it's a fight that must be won, and it's winnable." **President Williams** said that "this is about supporting a fundamental union principle." Extensive Q&A ensued.

MD COPE Report Scorecard Subcommittee Report:

Doris Reed (ASASP) reviewed the proposed Legislative Scorecard and the history of how it came to be developed as a need to have a concrete way of scoring candidates and politicians. Political/Legislative Directory Rick Powell provided more detail on the need for a usable scorecard to hold politicians truly accountable and reviewed how it would work, noting that the proposal is a compilation of best practices from around the country. He also noted that the scorecard will be a transparent and public document. Reed said that a main impetus is to keep labor together, "A politician should never come between un-

Executive Board Attendance

Present
Bowman, Dwight (AFGE District 14)
Briscoe, Dena (APWU)
Contreras, Jaime (SEIU 32BJ)
Falwell, Sandra (DCNA/NNU)
Goldman, Carl (AFSCME Council 26)
Jeter, Jackie (ATU 689)
Martin, Kendall; (Ironworkers 5)
Murphy, Michael (IUOE 99)
Perez, Tony (UFCW 400)
Reed, Doris (ASASP)
Reed, Carnell (SEIU 400)
Renne, Gino (UFCW 1994)
Saunders, Nathan (WTU)
Tarlau, Jimmy (CWA District 2)
Williams, Jos (AFSCME 2910)

Excused

Ayres, Vance (WBCTC)
Bridges, Linda (OPEIU 2)
Gaines, Riley (IBEW 26)
Johnson, Geo (AFSCME Council 20)
Taylor, Katherine (1199 SEIU)

Absent

Allen, Fred (GCC 538-c)
Boardman, John (Unite Here 25)
Dyer, Dan (OPEIU 2)
Frederick, Anthony (LIUNA 657)
Ratliff, Thomas (Teamsters 639)

Staff:

Garlock, Chris
Kann, Julia
McKirchy, Kathleen
Powell, Rick
Solomon, Alya

Also attending:

Steve Courtien for Vance Ayres (WBCTC)
Steve Larson, CWA
Michelle Lewis (AFSCME)

ions." Discussion ensued. Motion to accept the scorecard. President Williams stressed that "the real work of making the scorecard a real tool now begins." There was a clarifica-



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tion by President Williams and Michelle Williams that the scorecard will also be taken to the State Fed.

CWA resolution on public financing of campaigns: Jimmy Tarlau (CWA District 2), reported that his union feels campaign finance reform is critical in the District. He introduced CWA Political Director Shane Larson, who outlined the issue, which on a broader level is about Citizens United and the effect on money in politics. Many feel that public financing is the answer to this problem, and Larson reviewed DC Councilmember Michael Brown's legislation on public financing of campaigns in the District. "Supporting this bill would put DC at the cutting edge of this issue nationally, along with places like New York City and Connecticut." He circulated talking points and background on the issue. A resolution supporting this bill passed unanimously. President Williams noted that "this is preparation for a long-term campaign which will really begin in 2013," and appointed a Board task force -- Falwell, Jeter, Tarlau, Bowman, Contreras (with Tarlau as convenor) -- to develop a longterm plan and bring it back to the Executive Board before the end of the year.

Nathan Saunders, WTU 6: reported on the impact of the most recent contract on teacher's retirement, especially those forced into early retirement and thus not receiving full benefits. The union is working on DC City Council legislation that'll essentially buy years to ensure that such teachers wind up with the full retirement they really should receive. Saunders said that "we lost a lot of ground in this last contract and it's hurt a lot of people, both short- and long-term." He asked for a motion of support for the DC Teacher Retirement with Dignity Act legislation; so moved, seconded and approved. Saunders also brought up the Commission on Gambling proposed for DC.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on the successful recent 2012 DC Labor FilmFest, which was well-attended and supported by affiliates, as well as the second annual Labor Film Festival Organizer's Conference. He also reported that the AFL-CIO had launched a boycott of American Crystal Sugar. Delegates were urged to honor the boycott and the Council will share any information on products to boycott when available.

President's Report

President Williams urged support for all Maryland ballot questions.

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 6:29. Approved.