



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: May 20, 2013

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

Swearing in of New Delegates: There were no new delegates to be sworn in.

Minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting moved, seconded and approved with the correction made at the Board meeting.

Financial Report through April 30, 2013 received.

Executive Board Report

Correspondence- the Board approved the following expenditures: Metro Baltimore AFL-CIO Annual COPE Dinner- half page ad \$350; DC Labor Chorus Spring Concert, 20 tickets \$200; IUFC Local 10 Hansborough Memorial Golf Tournament, tee sign \$200; Washington Building and Construction Trades Council DAD's Day Golf Outing, tee sign \$300; Iron Workers Local 5 DAD's Day Poker Run, \$200 contribution; Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Annual Salute to Leadership, half page ad and 4 tickets \$800; DC Jobs With Justice Annual "I'll Be There Awards", half page ad \$300. Total \$2350.

President Williams informed the delegates that Congressman and Minority Whip Steny Hoyer addressed the Board, that several issues were discussed and that he pledges to continue working with us.

The Board also voted to extend the life of the Public Financing of Campaigns Committee which will come back to the Board with recommendations on this DC bill in the near future. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Executive Board report.

Community Services Agency- Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded delegates about the upcoming Labor Night at the Nats, Friday, July 19. To date approximately 3800 tickets sold. The purchase of 50 or more tickets gets your name on the Jumbotron and the chance to win a signed baseball by Pitcher Storen

or wunderkind Bryce Harper.

Union Cities- Assistant Mobilization Coordinator Julia Kann reported on the Public Transit campaign which continues to make presentations at local unions and is meeting with DC City Councilmembers and staff to ensure that the "public" stays in public transit. She reported on the "Good Jobs Nation" Campaign which is the fast food low-wage worker campaign mostly against the federal government which allows its food service contractors to pay poverty wages. An event is happening this week at Union Station, similar to previous events in Detroit and New York, and *Union City* will cover all the action.

She also directed the delegates to the Union Cities calendar (www.dclabor.org) highlighting these upcoming events: Rally for Living Wages (5/21); Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010: Where We Are and What's Ahead (5/22); Down the Supply Chain: Driving Corporate Accountability (5/22); AFL-CIO Capital Area Sporting Clays Shoot (5/24); JUFJ Maryland Community Meeting (6/2)

COPE Report

Tony Perez, UFCW Local 400, reported on the pending Large Retailer Accountability Act and indicated that the coalition on the Large Retailer Accountability Act was growing and that they had received hundreds of letters of support from community and religious groups. He thanked the President and Alya Solomon, Assistant Legislative/Political Coordinator, for their help on the press conference held last week.

Maryland COPE: Legislative/Political Director Rick Powell gave an update on the Maryland 2014 Election Mapping project and updated delegates on the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee Spring Ball picket/boycott indicating it was very successful. He reminded delegates that the MWC AFL-CIO is sponsoring a Labor Reception Honoring Congresswoman Donna Edwards to be held Monday, June 3 at IAM Capital Hill Office 6:30pm. Locals are encour-



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aged to contact their national unions for hefty contributions to this very good friend of labor.

President's Report

President Williams called upon Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Donna Edwards, who indicated she was always happy to attend these meetings as real union issues are discussed and no matter what union has an issue the rest of the union's get it because they are working people's issues. She talked about the changing nature of the suburban counties, 4 of them being among the top richest counties in the country, and how this demographic has changed the political landscape. This necessitates great planning and strategizing on our part and that will be occurring over the next year as we approach 2014. She thanked President Williams and the affiliates for their leadership on the politicians' scorecard development.

Reports of Affiliates and Constituency Groups

Dena Briscoe (APWU NCSML) reported on the 50th Anniversary Poor Peoples' March from Baltimore to DC which occurred over Mother's Day weekend to highlight the plight of the poor and get their needs on the national radar screen. She indicated the sponsor, the Baltimore SCLC, is \$5000 in debt from the event. President Williams indicated he would seek some contributions from affiliates. She also reported on an international leadership conference to be held May 30 - June 5 which will look at the situation in Cuba and around the world and workers welfare. Her local will be hosting one of the workshops. She also indicated that the USPS has closed processing centers and now there may be delays as mail has to go through southern Maryland centers instead of one in DC.

Tony Perez (UFCW 40) thanked President Williams and Maryland COPE Chair Doris Reed (ASASP) for their help on the press conference in Prince George's County promoting a better educational set-up in the county to benefit students.

Emilio Abate (UNITE HERE 23) reported that they have 800 members at Nationals Stadium who work for a food service vendor and they are now in negotiations and plan a leafleting on Memorial Day from 10am- 1pm to alert fans to the situation affecting concessions workers.

Vanessa Dixon (DC Doctors Council) updated dele-

gates on the situation at radio station WPFW. President Williams indicated that SAG/AFTRA which represents the workers there, who are still at only 75% pay, has an info request into Pacifica and will take further action if the information regarding pensions, 403(b)'s etc is not forthcoming. He also explained labor's position to WPFW board member Pete Tucker, indicating that our interest is the welfare of the workers.

Donna Brockington (DC CLUW) informed the delegates that the annual Gloria Johnson luncheon would take place June 30 at ATU 689 and invitations will be coming soon.

Frank Stella (MD ARA) reported on meetings on the Hill regarding the chain CPI for Social Security which will reduce recipients income in years to come, and rules regarding dual recipients of Medicare-Medicaid that could be detrimental to them. There will be rallies on these issues across the county July 2 and more info will be forthcoming. He also directed delegates to pick up the Alliance for Retired Americans national voting records publication before leaving.

Elaine Newman (NCAUR) reported that the Americans for Democratic Action will be honoring retiring Iowa Democratic Senator Tom Harkin at its dinner on June 26.

Jessica Ingerick (OPEIU 277) indicating she is leaving American Income Life to become a teacher in Prince George's county and introduced her replacement at AIL, George Farenthold and her co-worker Denise Gilbert. President Williams thanked her for her support over the last 6 years, wished her well, and welcomed the new staff.

Jesse Goode (Federation of Administrative Judges) updated the delegates on the situation at the Office of Administrative Hearings and that their case will be heard before the PERB this month. Lots of anti-union activity continues to prevent the ALJ's from forming a union.

Attendance: F Allen (GCC 538-C), A Bast (Ironworkers 5), D Briscoe (APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD), D Brockington (CLUW, Metro DC), C Collins (SEIU Local 400 PG), V Dixon-Briggs (DCDC), S Falwell (DCNA/NNU), G Farenthold (American Income Life), R Gaines (IBEW 26), C



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Goldman (AFSCME Council 26), A Hoffman (NWU/ UAW 1981), J Ingerick (American Income Life/OPEIU 277), J Jeter (ATU 689), K Martin (Ironworkers Local 5), Y Martin-Gross (AFGE 631), E Newman (NCAUR), T Perez (UFCW 400), K Pitts (AFGE 383), C Reed (SEIU 400 PG), D Reed (ASASP), G Renne (UFCW 1994 MCGEO), D Richardson (AFGE 12), V Rodino (OPEIU 2), N Saunders (WTU 6), F Silberstein (AFGE 2782), F Stella (MD/DC ARA), J Tarlau (CWA District 2-13), T Traylor (AFGE 383), J Williams (MWC), S Williams (AFGE 2876)

Guests: B Diaz (Working America)

Staff: J Kann, K McKirchy, R Powell, A Solomon