



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: May 20, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 4pm.

It was moved, seconded and approved to dispense with the regular order of business to allow Board members to hear from Congressman and Minority Whip Steny Hoyer. Congressman Hoyer discussed the latest efforts to sabotage the NLRB and to push through a “phony comp time” bill that would take away workers overtime and give the boss all power to decide when someone could and would take comp time. He talked about the difficulties dealing with a party without a true positive agenda, but one that is, as its name implies, the Get Obama Party, and that they are obsessed with only this. Responding to a question, he agreed that the states are a true battleground for working people, and agreed to discuss the issue with Governor O’Malley who can raise issues with the National Governor’s Association. Other issues discussed included the Keystone Pipeline, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, infrastructure bills, the export of natural gas which would create jobs in southern Maryland, and the latest so-called “scandals”. He thanked the Council for all its hard work and that of its affiliates, and looks forward to a closer working relationship. He introduced his staff, Courtney Fry, his labor staffer and Ben Goldstein-Smith, staff with Hoyer for Congress.

The Board then returned to the regular order of business.

Minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting moved, seconded and approved with a change requested by Tony Perez, UFCW 400, to indicate that he had reported 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.

Financial Report through April 30, 2013 received. A request was made to have the accountant at the next board meeting to explain how to read the financial reports.

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; IUEC 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.

The Board reviewed a letter from SAG/AFTRA which was a copy of an info request to WPFW, a letter from President Williams to the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee regarding the intended picket/boycott of the Annual Spring Ball, and a letter from SEIU Local 722 regarding the DC Patient Protection Act pending before the DC City Council. Discussion on these items occurred later in the meeting.

Community Services

Agency- Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the Board 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 deferred to ATU Local 689 President Jackie Jeter to report on the Public Transit campaign update. President Jeter thanked all the locals who had invited them in to speak on the campaign and reported that meetings with the DC City Council and others continue. Gino Renne (UFCW 1994) indicated he’d like someone to come to their leadership meeting which would include about 500 members.

Carl Goldman (AFSCME Council 26) updated board members on the federal government sequester, reporting that although some folks have had their furlough days revoked, the funds to allow this had to come from somewhere and so someone- either federal workers or the powerless public - still gets hurt. Everyone one way or the other is being

Attendance

Present: Fred Allen (GCC 538-C), Dena Briscoe (APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD), Sandra Falwell (DCNA/ NNU), Carl Goldman (AFSCME Council 26), Jackie Jeter (ATU 689), Kendall Martin (Ironworkers Local 5), Tony Perez (UFCW 400), Carnell Reed (SEIU 400 PG), Doris Reed (ASASP), Gino Renne (UFCW 1994 MCGEO), Nathan Saunders (WTU 6), Jimmy Taulau (CWA District 2-13), Jos Williams (MWC), Steve Courten for Vance Ayres (WBCTC)

Excused: Linda Bridges (OPEIU 2)

Absent: John Boardman (UNITE HERE 25), Eric Bunn (AFGE 2725), Dan Dyer (OPEIU 2), Anthony Frederick (Laborers 657), Riley Gaines (IBEW 26), Geo Johnson (AFSCME Council 20), Michael Murphy (IUOE 99), Thomas Ratliff (Teamsters 639), Katherine Taylor (1199/SEIU)

Staff: Julia Kann, Kathleen McKirchy, Rick Powell, Alya Solomon



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Ms. Kann 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 Board 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

DC COPE- Assistant Legislative and Political Coordinator Alya Solomon asked Tony Perez (UFCW Local 400) to report on the pending Large Retailer Accountability Act. He indicated that the coalition continues to grow, thanked President Williams for assistance and appearance at the successful press conference held last week, and that they are working with DC City Councilmember Orange to get a mark-up date for the bill.

Ms. Solomon called on Jimmy Tarlau, CWA District 2, to give an update on the Public Financing of Campaigns efforts. He indicated that the Committee had met earlier in the day and discussed various ways of funding the public financing, that this bill would make it easier for working people without lots of resources to run for public office, and that they would like to come back to the Board with specific recommendations. It was moved, seconded and approved to extend the life of the committee with specific recommendations to come back to the Board at a later date.

President Williams asked Gino Renne (UFCW 1994) to update the Board on the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee Spring Ball picket/boycott held last week, which was to protest the MCDCC's support of an anti-union referendum and their general support of other anti-worker initiatives in the county and insensitivity to working people. He indicated it was extremely successful with over 170 people turning out. An exciting fact is that the Young Dems of both Montgomery County and Prince George's County participated, indicating that we have some great young supporters to work with and develop. He indicated that the head of the Mont Co Democratic central Committee is anxious to meet with the MWC and its affiliates, and Gino indicated the meeting should result in an agreement to add labor people to the Central Committee, develop a progressive vision and flush out that vision with specifics that include policies and initiatives that include working people in

the benefits of economic development in the county.

President's Report

President Williams asked Sandra Falwell, DCNA, to report on the Patient Protection Act, pending before the DC City Council. Ms. Falwell reviewed the bill, which requires acute care hospitals to have adequate RN nurse to patient ratios, as well as the concerns that have arisen from SEIU Local 722 which represents ancillary patient care staff at the Washington Hospital Center. Concerns of SEIU expressed by 722 President Dan Fields center around impact of promoting the hiring of more RN's on the other members of the patient care team including LPN's, respiratory and radiation techs, certified nurse's aides, patient care techs and the like. After extensive discussion, and since the MWC is on record supporting the bill, President Williams appointed a committee of Dan Dyer (OPEIU 2), Tony Perez (UFCW 400), and Nathan Saunders (WTU 6) to work to see if accommodations can be reached and labor can proceed with a unified front to get the bill passed and signed into law by the Mayor.

Reports of Board Members

Nathan Saunders (WTU 6) discussed the need to keep our electronic and social media communications and newsletters packaged in a way that appeals to all kinds of workers including young workers. He indicated that his local holds a monthly Teachers Night at the Movies and that maybe this could be coordinated with the DC Film Fest. Ms. Kann reminded him about the Labor Communicators meeting coming up Thursday May 23 and hoped someone from WTU 6 could attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.