



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: December 15, 2014

Called to order at 6:31p by President Jos Williams.

October Minutes moved, seconded and approved.

October Financial Report moved, seconded and approved.

Correspondence

Received letters from Maryland Delegate Sheila Hixson and Montgomery County Council President George Leventhal in response to President Williams recent letter opposing privatization of Montgomery County's Department of Liquor Control.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

Holiday Basket: deadline for contributions is Friday, December 19.

Bowling for Gold: set for 1/25/15; sign up for local's teams now.

Emergency Assistance Fund donations for 2015 due.

McKirchy also thanked everyone for their 2014 support of CSA and its programs.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- 2015 Affiliate Directory: 12/12 deadline for updates extended to 12/19; hope to have Directory available at January meeting.

- 2015 Labor 411 DC Edition: launched online; will add link to Council's website homepage.

- Latest Street Heat reports: NNU strike at Washington Hospital Center set for 12/22; Potomac trash hauler petition by LIUNA.

- Fasanella's "Corner Butcher" update: Ron Carver needs just \$5,000 more to complete the purchase of Ralph Fasanella's painting, which will be donated to the Smithsonian for all to see. Posters are still for sale; \$25 each.

- Union City on Friday, December 12 was awarded First Place in the "General Excellence – Print and Internet/ Electronic Newsletter" category at the annual ILCA awards. President Jos Williams thanked the delegates and affiliates for their support, noting that "Union City is your publication" and urging them to complete the annual reader survey "so we can continue to make Union City even better."

COPE Report

Coordinator Rick Powell reported:

- DC Cope had a good meeting last week with the three new DC City Council members.

- 4/28/2015 set for DC Special election for Wards 4 and 8; candidate interviews will be scheduled.

Reports of Locals:

- Newspaper Guild 32035: Rick Ehrmann reported that negotiations at the Post are now in their fourth month and made progress in last week's session. The next picket is planned for January 13, 12:30p in front of the Post. It was moved, seconded and approved not only to support the rally but the continuing struggle for a fair contract at the Post.

- AFGE 2978: Robert Mayfield thanked the Council and affiliates for support in the local's battle to save the DC Infant Mortality Bureau, which has now been mostly funded and most of the jobs there saved.

- CBTU-DC: Gwend Johnson reported that the December 6 Shoebox project had been postponed to a date TBA in February, but please continue to collect and hold onto items. There's no CBTU-DC meeting in January; will announce the next date in Union City. Johnson then announced that she's personally donating \$100 to CSA's Holiday Basket project. Kathleen McKirchy thanked Gwend for the donation and support.

- NWU: Ann Hoffman reported that she expected to be confirmed to the PERB board by the end of the week, and said that the PERB is conducting a series of free monthly sessions. The next one is on Unfair Labor Practices; they'll all be listed on the Council's website.

- ATU 1764: Kewana Battle-Mason reported that the local's in negotiations again at Metro Access and she expects things to "get interesting" soon, with the contract expiring 12/31 and no progress so far in negotiations.

- AFM 161-710: Ed Malaga reported that IATSE 22 is in negotiations with National Theatre and has the support of other entertainment unions. Alan Perry of IATSE 22 reported that members authorized a strike at a meeting last Saturday and the IATSE IU has also signed off on a strike; will see how negotiations go.

- AFSCME 2910: Saul Schniderman made a special presentation of a history book to Rick Powell in recognition and appreciation for all his work on local politics on behalf of area working men and women. Powell, deeply touched, thanked Saul and Local 2910. Schniderman then led the delegates in singing "Rudolph the Union Reindeer."



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AFGE 383's Timothy Traylor won the 50/50 raffle.

Delegate attendance:

Aaron Bast, Ironworkers Local 5
Kewana Battle-Mason, ATU 1764
Eric Bunn, AFGE District 14
Carl Carson, OPCM 891
Barbara Churchill, IATSE Local 868
Sabrathia Draine-Ishakwue, DCNA
Rick Ehrmann, NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Donald Havard, IUOE 99
Karen Hemphill, AFGE 383
David Hershfield, AFGE Council 1 12
Ann Hoffman, NWU, Local 1981 UAW
Gwend Johnson, CBTU DC Chapter
Ed Malaga, AFM 161-710
Yvette Martin-Gross, AFGE 631
Robert Mayfield, AFGE 2978
Elaine Newman, AFSCME
Alan Perry, IATSE 22
Kenneth Pitts, AFGE 383
William Preston, AFGE 17
David Richardson, AFGE Council 1
Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910
John Shields, SMART Local 100-SD
Timothy Traylor, AFGE 383
Bruce Wolf, OPEIU 2

NOTE: there were no formal Executive Board meetings in either November or December.