



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: March 16, 2015 (DRAFT)

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:39pm at the AFL-CIO. He asked Chris Garlock, Mobilization Coordinator to show an abbreviated version of the Year In Review slide show shown at Evening With Labor on Saturday, March 14. Garlock noted that the slideshow will be posted on the Council's website.

Board Members in Attendance: Fred Allen (GCC/IBT 285), Sandra Falwell (NNU)

New delegates sworn in: Wanda Shelton Martin and Octavia Fletcher, 1199 NUHCE AFSCME.

Minutes: The minutes of February 23 were tabled due to several errors. Will be reconsidered at the April meeting.

Financial Report: The financial report of February 2015 will also be considered at the April meeting.

Executive Board Report:

The Board approved the following expenditures:

Plumbers 5, 4/18/2015 125th anniversary: \$250 (2 tickets)
NOVA CLC, 5/15/2015 Tribute to NOVA Labor \$500 (half-page ad)

Charles County Democratic Central Committee, 5/22/2015 Truman-Kennedy Dinner \$250 (half-page ad)

IUEC 10, 5/31/2015 Golf Tournament \$200 (hole sponsor)
Printcraft Bowling Tournament, \$100 (full-page ad)

The Board also recommended support for Montgomery County taxi cab driver's rights to organize, authorizing President Williams to work with the AFL-CIO to craft language that will meet concerns about pending legislation in Montgomery County.

The Executive Board report was moved, seconded and approved by the delegates.

Community Services Agency

Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded delegates that Labor Night at the Nats is coming up Friday, July 17 against the Dodgers and flyers are now available.

Evening With Labor- Dinner Chairman Fred Allen reported on the event, that the program ran smoothly, finished early and lots of folks stayed around to dance. The parking situation was unacceptable, with people waiting more than an hour to get their cars. The parking contractor did not have

adequate staff for the numbers of attendees. This will be looked at before booking a location for next year. President Williams thanked Fred for his many years of service as Evening with Labor Chairman and staff for their good work putting the event together. Delegates indicated they thought the food and the program were good, and suggestions for additional awards- active retirees and representation actions by locals- were made.

Union Cities Report

Chris Garlock, Organizing/Mobilization Coordinator, reported that the 2015 Directory of Affiliates has just been published. It's been completely updated and is being sent to all affiliates, politicians and area reporters and editors. Plans for the 2015 DC LaborFest/Labor FilmFest are progressing well, with over 40 screenings, performances and more already confirmed or planned. More details will be published in Union City as they're available. He urged affiliates and allies to once again support the LaborFest/FilmFest by taking ads in the program guide.

COPE Report

Discussion ensued about the labor council's endorsement of LaRuby May in the Ward 8 special election and its taking "no position" in the Ward 4 race, leaving locals to support whichever candidate they want. The endorsement process was explained and delegates were reminded that at a previous delegate's meeting, the Executive Board was given the authority to make final endorsements due to the shortness of the time before the elections.

Reports of Locals, Constituency Groups and Allies

Nikki Lewis, DC Jobs with Justice, reported on their 2014 activities including coordination of minimum wage, paid sick days and Walmart activities as well as wage theft and lots of local union support activities, and that they are active in 2015 and need everyone to pay their 2015 dues.

Donna Brockington, AFGE 32, reported on a recent "60 Minutes" story that focused on the Social Security Administration and the Office of Personnel Management, and indicated that both of these agencies are understaffed and that employee stress is high. Reporting as the representative of DC CLUW, she reported that Gwend Johnson will be the recipient of the Gloria Johnson Award at this year's luncheon to be held in late June or July.



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Wanda Shelton-Martin, 1199 NUHHCE AFSCME, reported that DC APRI had 40-50 people who took the bus down to Selma for the 50th Anniversary events and it was a very moving experience.

Eleanor Lauderdale, AFGE 12, indicated that we need more activism a la Martin Luther King to move issues and suggested economic boycotts to make the point.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Briscoe (APWU 140)
Secretary

Delegate Attendance

Alex Bastani AFGE 12
Donna Brockington CLUW, Metro DC Chapter (AFGE)
LaVerne Byrd AFGE 2782
Carl Carson OPCM 891
Barbara Churchill IATSE Local 868
Benito Diaz Working America
Sandra Falwell DCNA/NNU
Octavia Fletcher 1199/NUHHCE
Valerie Grasso CREA (IFPTE 75)
David Hershfield AFGE Council 1 12
Edward Hill AFGE 2782
Eleanor Lauderdale AFGE 12
Nikki Lewis DC Jobs with Justice
LaKisha Little DCNA
Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978
Elaine Newman AFSCME
Ndubusi Okoroafor DCNA
Alan Perry IATSE 22
Ralph Randall AFSCME 1653
David Richardson AFGE Council 1
Clifton Savoy SMART Local 100
Wanda Shelton-Martin APRI/1199 NUHHCE Met DC District, AFSCME
Ian Stublarec OPEIU 2
Susan Thaul AFSCME 2910
Bruce Wolf OPEIU 2