



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: April 20, 2015

Meeting called to order 4:15p

Minutes: March 16 minutes approved as received, with the correction that Ratliff was attending.

Financial Report: Received. President Williams noted that the 2014 audit is now underway and the 2014 info will be shared with the strategic planning committee to assist in planning.

Correspondence: moved and seconded to make the following recommendations (total of \$600):

Baltimore CLC 4/28/2015 COPE Dinner \$350; Teamsters 639 5/15/2015 Golf Tourney (Scholarship Fund) \$250

Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy reported that Labor Night at the Nats ticket sales are going well, with 3,000 already sold; just ordered 2,000 more.

CSA has received a Marpat Foundation grant for fundraising assistance, to hire someone for the labor division at United Way to do an organizing drive targeting specific internationals and/or locals.

Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported on the 2015 DC LaborFest, which includes the 15th annual DC Labor FilmFest and expanded LaborFest, which now includes up to 60 events in May.

Fast Track action calendar: daily phone banks at NOVA Labor; Town Hall Friday, April 24, 7:30p at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church; will keep calendar updated. Dena Briscoe (APWU) reported on the Populism2015 conference and the April 2 Fast Track march/rally.

Jackie Jeter reported on ATU 689's May 1 rally; discussion ensued about ways to work together, sharing information and possibly bargaining together if/when appropriate. Garlock noted success of call-in during the Fast Track rally and

suggested that this is a tactic for local folks to try. AFL-CIO's Maya Goines circulated Fast Track petition cards they're collecting for a petition drop, asking locals to circulate to members.

COPE Report

DC Report: Ward 8 Campaign Report: see Rick's report (get copy). Discussion ensued.

MD COPE Report: Hoyer Fast Track Rally, Van Hollen Opposition to FAST Track, Donna Edwards long time Opposition to FAST Track; Summary of 2015 MD General Assembly.

President's Report

Evening with Labor update: another successful year; got \$3,500 credit from Omni for parking problems. Current estimate is that this year's net will be nearly \$24,000. Recommend donating the \$3,500 credit to the CSA Emergency Assistance Fund; this was moved/seconded and unanimously approved. Discussion ensued, including regarding the event's current status as a fundraiser. Suggestion made to make sure the parking credit is reported in Union City.

Retreat follow-up/discussion: one correction: Rick Powell will be staffing the political program and community engagement committees (some committees may have more than one staffer).

DC Living Wage initiative: plan to have a discussion about this at the May meeting, when we have more details on it. Discussion ensued, focusing on the need to be more strategic about the issues the Council gets involved with. Specifically, concerns were raised and discussed about recent local actions by the national AFL-CIO in which the Council was not consulted at all. The Board expressed dismay and concern at the actions of the national AFL-CIO and it was moved, seconded and approved to direct the President to bring this to the attention of the president of the AFL-CIO.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm

*Present: Allen, Boardman, Briscoe, Bunn, Falwell, Jeter, Ratliff, Shields, Tarlau, Williams, Excused: Bridges, Courtien, Federici, Goldman, Martin, Murphy, Reed, Renne Also: Garlock, Powell, McKirchy; Sam Epps (Unite Here 25); Vicky Leonard (Laborers); Mike Wilson (UFCW 400); Maya Goines, AFL-CIO*



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