



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: May 18, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 4:05pm.

President Williams recommended the appointment of Ed Smith, IAFF 36, to fill one of the existing Executive Board vacancies; it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to do so. President Williams then swore in Smith and the Board welcomed him as a member.

Minutes of the meeting of April 20 were corrected to note that Eric Bunn was in attendance; moved, seconded and approved.

Financial Report tabled due to on-going audit.

Correspondence: the following expenditures were moved, seconded and approved:

DC Fire/EMS Foundation: in memory of fire fighter Kevin McRae: \$100

Peggy Browning Fund 6/10/2015 Peggy Browning Award: \$250 (1 ticket)

MD State/DC AFL-CIO 6/19/2015 Salute to Leadership \$550 (1/2-page ad, 2 tix)

Iron 5 6/20/2015 DADs Day Poker Run \$250 (contrib)

Sprinkler Fitters 669 9/26/2015 100th Anniversary celebration \$250 (1/4-page)

PG Young Dems Kennedy-King Dinner \$250 (Friend)

PG NAACP 6/13/2015 80th Anniversary Celebration \$300 (1/4 page)

Total: \$1,950

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the Executive Board about Labor Night at the Nats July 17, and directed their attention to a consultant job announcement for a position to help CSA boost union member giving through worksite giving campaigns.

Union Cities

Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on this year's ongoing DC La-

borFest, which now includes nearly 60 events and has been drawing good turnout throughout the month. Highlights included the May 1 kick-off at the Mother Jones marker, which included a Montgomery County proclamation of LaborFest, and weekly live labor music concerts on WPFW. Other activities include the 15th annual DC labor FilmFest, labor history bike ride, labor walks, happy hours and more.

Garlock also reported that the Council will have a Rutgers summer intern, Sivan Rosenthal. President Williams explained that the internship was created by Dr. Coralie Farlee of Washington D.C to honor the late Dr. Bernard Goldstein. This internship – which runs June 1-July 31 -- will focus on communications and membership mobilization and identifying and connecting other interns from unions and partner organizations.

COPE Report

President Williams introduced new Assistant Legislative/Political Coordinator, David Dzidzienyo, who reported on the successful Ward 8 Special Election with election of labor-endorsed LaRuby May. President Williams reviewed the revenues and expenditures for this effort and asked for additional contributions to cover the cost of activities.

The consideration of the DC Living Wage Initiative was deferred to the June Executive Board meeting.

Coordinator Rick Powell reported that Montgomery County/PG COPE held a post-General Assembly session with delegation leadership and plans to continue this annually.

President's Report

President Williams provided an update on the Strategic Planning process. Discussion ensued about each committee's activities and the upcoming meeting on May 21 to discuss possible leadership structures for the council.

He requested support for a resolution to encourage the Mayor to nominate the incumbent, Sandra Mattavous-Frye, for a second term as People's Counsel and this was moved, seconded and adopted.

He also discussed the AFL-CIO plan for providing trainings for immigrants to apply for DACA and DAPA and it was moved, seconded and approved to support these activities to include trainings in the metro area.

Reports of Board Members

Kendall Martin, Iron Workers 5, reported that the father of the family recently murdered in NW DC was the owner of one of their signatory

Bunn, Falwell, Federici, Goldman, Martin, Ratliff, Reed, Shields, Smith, Tarlau, Williams
Excused: Boardman, Bridges, Davis, Murphy, Washington
Guests: Donna Edwards, MD/DC AFL-CIO; Mike Reichert, AFSCME Council 20; Josh Ardison, UFCW 1994; Mike Wilson, UFCW 400; Victoria Leonard, LIUNA.



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contractors who was an incredible guy, very generous, and will be missed. It's an incredible tragedy that has hit this family and thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Carl Goldman, AFSCME Council 26, alerted the board to an attempt to add an amendment to an appropriations bill in the House of Representatives that would prohibit legislative branch agencies from allowing payroll deduction of union dues. Clearly this would be devastating to unions and has to be fought. (Later in the meeting a text was received indicating that the House Rules Committee had rejected this amendment- for now).

Sandra Falwell, DCNA/NNU, reported that Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) is introducing the Robin Hood Tax bill this week and that there is a rally May 19 at the Senate to support this. She also indicated their members had been active at a rally to support the Patient Protection Act, introduced again at the DC City Council, and at the VA headquarters to support collective bargaining rights for VA nurses.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.