



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: June 15, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 6:37pm.

Board members in attendance: J Williams

New Delegates sworn in: Annie Ament, AFM 161-710

Minutes of the Meeting of May 18 were moved, seconded and approved with the change to reflect David Hershfield is a delegate from AFGE 12, not AFGE Council 1.

Financial Report tabled due to on-going audit.

Executive Board Report was moved, seconded and approved and included the following expenditures:
SMART 100 Golf Tournament- \$250 for tee sponsorship
CLUW DC- \$275 for half page ad and 2 tickets for the annual Gloria Johnson luncheon
National Lawyers Guild DC- \$100 for a half page ad and 1 ticket to their first annual awards event
TOTAL- \$625

And the following actions:

Approved the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan with modifications
Approved support for WTU Local 6's efforts to stop the DC Mayor and City Council from amending DC's Freedom of Information Act to restrict unions' ability to obtain data and information needed to represent their members.
Approved the FY 2014 audit.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the delegates about Labor Night at the Nats July 17, and encouraged locals to come up with creative fundraising ideas such as contributions from dues objectors' payments, penalties on management for missing grievance procedure deadlines, activities such as Chris Garlock's upcoming walk in Wales, etc.

Union Cities

Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on recent contract wins including at the Washington Hospital Center (NNU) and the Washington Post (Washington Baltimore Newspaper Guild 35), recent activities by SEIU 32BJ as their master contract for janitors is up soon, thanked everyone for support of the recent 2015 LaborFest, and introduced new summer intern Sivan Rosenthal. He asked IUOE 99 to report on a recent strike vote and delegate Mark Sexton indicated that this is the first time in ages that the local has been

in a position to consider striking. Employer has a lot of takebacks on the table but they are coming back to the table to continue negotiations. Garlock asked Nikki Lewis from DC Jobs with Justice to report and she updated the delegates on the newly released survey about work hours and schedules and indicated they would be convening a workers' rights board hearing to air this issue and get legislative action going, and indicated their annual "I'll Be There" awards event will be held September 10 and will honor Jos Williams.

President Williams introduced AFL-CIO staffer Maya Goines, who updated the delegates on the fight against Fast Track and the TPP. She urged delegates to call Congresspersons Van Hollen and Edwards to thank them for voting against, and to stay tuned for more updates and possible action as the fight is not over yet.

President Williams introduced Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Donna Edwards who indicated that the TPP vote results show that labor is alive and well. She announced that this year's biennial convention will be held October 30, 31 and November 1 at the Washington Court Hotel.

Joanne Blotner from Jews United for Justice reported on their initiative to get a paid family and medical leave insurance program going in DC since hardly anyone can afford to take the unpaid leave that is the only thing available for most workers now.

COPE Report

DC Legislative/Political Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on recent activities and meetings with the DC Attorney General's office and the CFO's office regarding consumer protection issues and DC government contracting out processes.

Reports of Affiliates, Constituency Groups and Allies

Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, reported that the 2016 national CBTU conference will be held here in DC and urged everyone to come and see what they are up to.

President Williams introduced Gene Fisher, former staffer for the United Steelworkers, Congress, and the DC City Council who is now working at DC Department of Employment Services and is here to work with labor and support labor's work on behalf of working people. They are trying



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hard to enforce the Wage Theft Protection Act and re-sources are always in short supply, but to date they have visited 350 companies. He also was recently elected as the Treasurer of the Ward 6 Democrats.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Attendance

Annie Ament AFM 161-710
Frank Barile IUOE Local 99
Robin Burns DCNA
Barbara Churchill IATSE Local 868
Edward Hill AFGE 2782
Ann Hoffman, NWU
Ed Malaga AFM 161-710
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631
Alan Perry, IATSE 22
Elaine Newman NCAUR
Tyrone Richardson Teamsters 730
Mark Sexton IUOE 99
Ian Stublarec OPEIU 2
Susan Thaul AFSCME 2910
Timothy Traylor AFGE 383
Bruce Wolf OPEIU 2