



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: September 21, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 6:45pm.
Board members in attendance: J Williams, G Renne, J Boardman, J Jeter, S Falwell
Staff: Kathleen McKirchy, Chris Garlock, David Dzidzienyo
New Delegates sworn in: none
Minutes – tabled until October meeting due to no copies at the meeting

Executive Board Report was moved, seconded and approved and included the following expenditures:

Insulators 24: 8/1/2015 Golf Tourney \$300

Empower PAC: 8/22/2015 Person of Excellence event \$1,000

SMART: 9/21/2015 Golf Tourney \$300

DC Jobs With Justice: 10/15/2015 I'll Be There Awards \$600

DC Immigration FilmFest 10/22/2015 \$250

Jews United for Justice: 10/25/2015 Heschel Vision Awards \$180

The Union Edge: radio show (WPWC 1480am) \$200 \$2,830 (\$5225 YTD)

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the delegates about the upcoming golf tournament September 29, can still take foursomes. She also urged the delegates to generate support for CSA in the United Way, Combined Federal and DC ONE Fund campaigns starting this fall at worksites in the area. She thanked SMART Local 100 for including CSA in their national union Business Agent's conference which netted donations to CSA of \$96,000.

Union Cities

Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on upcoming actions and events on the local labor calendar, including the papal visit.

5th annual Labor Film Festival Organizer's Conference coming up; expecting nearly two dozen organizers from across US and around the world.

2016 Directory: please update your local's info for the 2016 Directory.

Jackie Jeter, ATU 689, reported on the local's recent win at First Transit: they had filed a group grievance against the private contractor over its violation of DC's paid sick days law, First Transit agreed to bring its policies into compliance with the law, retract disciplinary points from current employees, and re-hire workers who were unjustly fired. She also reported on ATU recently setting up an encampment dubbed "WMATAville" in front of a Hyattsville garage owned by

Transdev, a private subcontractor for MetroAccess, to help ratchet up the pressure for a settlement of a new contract for the 440 Transdev workers, who belong to ATU Local 1764.

Jean Dearden, Bonnie Ladin Union Skills program coordinator, reported on upcoming classes being offered by the program.

COPE Report

DC Legislative/Political Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on recent activities and meetings with the DC Attorney General's office and introductions of new legislation at the DC City Council including increasing the maximum weekly benefit amount for unemployment compensation, fair scheduling and paid family and medical leave.

Reports of Affiliates, Constituency Groups and Allies

Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400, reported on the new officers in place until November elections and their new address in Upper Marlboro.

Barbara Childs, CSO 4, reported on their efforts to get DC Public Schools to consider closing during the Pope's visit as traffic and public transportation is expected to be extremely heavy.

Nikki Lewis, DC Jobs with Justice, reported in their upcoming 15th Annual "I'll be There" Awards recognizing President Williams and several other activists.

Ann Hoffman, NWU, reported that the DC Employment Justice Center is looking for a new Executive Director and interested individuals can go to www.dcejc.org for info.

Larry Stafford, Progressive Maryland, reported on their efforts to return to more individual and group organizing and development of active local chapters.

Teresa Haas, IFPTE 70, reported on labor efforts for Bernie Sanders and passed out materials. President Williams reminded the delegates that the labor council, as a dependent body of the national AFL-CIO, must wait until the national makes an endorsement before any local support actions can be undertaken.

Cliff Dedrick, DC CBTU, reported on the Region 2 conference which will be held locally the weekend of October 2-5.



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

Respectfully submitted, Dena Briscoe, Secretary

Attendance

John Boardman, UNITE HERE 25
Luigi Buitrago, AFGE 2978
Barbara Childs, AFSA 4
Mary Collins, WTU 6
Jean Dearden, AFL-CIO Campaigns Department
Cliff Dedrick, AFSCME 2743
Rick Ehrmann, NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Theresa Haas, IFPTE Local 70
David Hershfield, AFGE 12
Ann Hoffman, NWU, Local 1981 UAW
Jackie Jeter, ATU 689
Roland Jeter, ATU 689
Nikki Lewis, DC Jobs with Justice
LaKisha Little, DCNA
Jim Lowery, IUEC 10
Yvette Martin-Gross, AFGE 631
Robert Mayfield, AFGE 2978
Elaine Newman, AFSCME
David Richardson, AFGE Council 1
Clifton Savoy, SMART Local 100
Larry Stafford, Prince George's County Young Democrats
Bruce Wolf, OPEIU 2

Also attending:

Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, CIR/SEIU 1957