



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: October 19, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 6:33pm.

Board members in attendance: J Williams, J Jeter

New Delegates sworn in: Denise Henry, AFGE 3403 and Dev Hillman, AFGE 2741

Minutes – June and September moved, seconded and approved with correction to June minutes to change affiliation from Ms. Thaul from AFSCME 2910 to IFPTE 75.

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

Montgomery County Renters Alliance 5th Anniversary Dinner- \$250 contribution

United Democratic Women of Maryland convention- \$50 contribution

Total expenditures \$300.

And the following actions:

Voted to make No Recommendation for endorsement in the Maryland 4 and 8th Congressional races, Recommend Endorsement of Steny Hoyer in the 5th CD, and voted to Recommend Endorsement of DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. These recommendations to go to the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO for action.

Voted to have the President send a letter to the Area Vice-Presidents of the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO encouraging them to support the above recommendations at the state fed board meeting and convention.

Moved, seconded and approved the following constitutional amendment to be voted on at the November 16, 2015 Delegates' meeting: Add New Section to "Article VII Officers" on page 5

Section 5. In between regular meetings of the Executive Board, an Executive Committee to be comprised of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents, may meet to conduct Council business, pursuant to the AFL-CIO Rules Governing State Federations and Central Labor Councils.

Voted to keep the awards as part of the 2016 Evening with Labor even with the recognition of President Williams' career and retirement and Dinner Chairman Fred Allen's years of service in this role.

Voted to support the resolution supporting "Future Airport Revenue Enhancement Legislation" submitted by UNITE HERE Local 7, regarding opening up solicitations and bidding for concessions at BWI.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported that the golf tournament on September 29 raised about \$12,000 for the Emergency Assistance Fund. 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 reminded delegates about the Holiday Basket Project and that locals and individuals can make donations of non-perishable food, financial contributions or adopt families for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Bowling tournament flyers will go out early November for the tournament January 31, 2016. She directed delegates' attention to the flyers and discount pharmacy cards on the back table from FamilyWize, which runs a free pharmacy discount program that might help reduce prescription costs whether a person has insurance or not.

She also reported on the upcoming AFL-CIO Department of Civil, Human and Women's Rights annual civil rights conference to be held January 15-18 at the Washington Hilton. The labor council is being called on to assist with a number of aspects of this conference, and CSA is identifying places for 500 attendee volunteers to volunteer on January 16.

Union Cities

President Williams introduced Tyrone Richardson, IBT 730, who reported on the WARN notice for closedown of the Safeway distribution centers in Prince George's County that was given to IBT 730, IBT 639 and IUOE 99 effecting 700 union and 200 non-union workers. He indicated that the unions are fighting this action, that leafletting of customers will occur at 10 stores around the region Sunday, October 24, and that further actions will be publicized via Union City. Help is needed to fight this massive job loss right before Christmas caused by a company that received give backs from the unions and tax subsidies from the county in the past.

COPE Report

DC Legislative/Political Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on recent DC City Council-related activities including legislation to make potential contracting out more transparent, initiatives to get the Mayor's office to put signed CBA's



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into effect and start any pay increases in a timely way, and updates on paid sick leave. He introduced Joanna Blochner, Jews United for Justice, who explained the pace-setting Paid Family Leave legislation recently introduced in the DC City Council, and encouraged locals to become part of the support coalition.

Reports of Affiliates, Constituency Groups and Allies

Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910, introduced the new president of AFSCME Council 26, Seth Couslar, from AFSCME 1653 at the FAA. Saul will now be serving as the Vice-President.

Bruce Wolf, OPEIU Local 2, reported that they will be holding a workshop Saturday, October 23 at 10am at their local, in conjunction with the DC Employment Justice Center, to discuss recent worker rights legislation, the importance of workers knowing their rights and for DC to enforce these new laws. The workshop is open to all locals.

Wanda Shelton- Martin, DC APRI, reported that they will be holding a symposium January 9 focused on the Voting Rights Act with a renewed focus on getting workers and minorities registered to vote and out to vote on election days. She also reported she had recently been appointed to the Prince George's County Workforce Development Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

50-50 raffle was won by Tracy Lingo, UNITE HERE Local 7, who donated her \$42 winnings back to CSA.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dena Briscoe, Secretary*

Delegate Attendance

Aaron Bast, Ironworkers 5
Violet Carter, IBEW 26
Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400PG
George Farenthold, OPEIU 277 (American Income Life)
Octavia Fletcher, NUHHCE/1199
Valerie Grasso, IFPTE 75 (CREA)
Donald Havard, IUOE 99
Denise Henry, TEAMSTERS 639
Edward Hill, AFGE 2782
Dev Hillman, AFGE 2741
Jackie Jeter, ATU 689
Roland Jeter, ATU 689
Elaine Newman, NCAUR
David Richardson, AFGE 12
Tyrone Richardson, Teamsters 730
Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910
Raymond Scoggins, AFGE 2463
Mark Sexton, IUOE 99
Wanda Shelton-Martin, Metro District 1199 DC, NUHHCE, AFSCME
Eric Starin, OPEIU 2