



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES: April 18, 2016

President Jeter called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Agenda: Moved, seconded, and approved

Minutes: (March 2016) Moved, Seconded, and approved with correction that Dyana Forester was in attendance for Mark Federici UFCW 400.

Financial Report: (March 2016) This report included the Profit & Loss by Class Statement and the Statement of Financial Position. Received for audit. Newly elected Treasurer stated he will begin next month with a different format of the report with year to date budget and comparison information included.

Correspondence: The Board moved, seconded, and approved the following correspondence recommendations:
DC Democratic State Committee,
4/28/2016: Kennedys-King Awards \$375 (3 tickets)
IUEC Local 10, 5/27/2016, Golf Tournament: \$200 sponsor tee
NoVA Labor, 5/20/2016, Annual tribute dinner: \$750, 1/2-page ad & 2 tickets
IBEW 1900, 5/9/2016, Golf tourney: \$100.00 sponsor tee
Printcraft National Bowling Tournament
GCIU, 538-C Fred Allen, 5/1/2016, \$100 FP ad
Total approved: \$1,525
Year-to-date: \$3,900

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

1. Letter Carriers Food Drive - coming up May 14 May 13. A short video was shown, dialogue surrounding what food items are needed, financial contributions are accepted as well.
2. Labor Night at the Nat's, Friday July 22, approximately 3000 tickets already sold and more are available. This fundraiser raises monies for CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund.

3. Annual Golf Tournament- Monday, September 26, 2016. Save the date flyers provided.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

1. Verizon Strike Update- ongoing list of strike locations on the DC Labor website. Also, Strike Update: 11 am Silver Spring location Thursday, April 21.
2. 2016 Laborfest-Flyer card is ready for unions to pass out to members, the event locations will be posted on the website soon.

COPE Report

Political/Legislative Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported:

The COPE Committee interviewed candidates for the DC City Council and reviewed questionnaires and voting records and made the following recommendations to the Executive Board. After intensive discussion by Board members, it was moved, seconded and approved to make the following recommendations to the Delegates' Meeting, no candidate other than Councilmember Vincent Orange having garnered the necessary 2/3 vote for endorsement:
Ward 2- No Recommendation
Ward 4- No Recommendation
Ward 7- No Recommendation
Ward 8- No Recommendation
At Large- Vincent Orange
Dzidzienyo also presented the MWC 2016 DC Primary Field Plan and Budget for approval.

Executive Director's Report

Carlos Jimenez reported:

AFL-CIO Training and Meetings- We are starting New Delegates' Training this evening and hope to make this a permanent training to increase delegate's knowledge of the Council and participation with its various programs. Want to continue the trainings that is taking place today to assure all delegates receive the opportunity to learn the process. He is very excited about the leadership in the Council and is looking forward to working together with everyone.

We will be applying for a grant from the AFL-CIO to allow us to add an organizing staffer who will work across the Council's programs to boost our impact.

He reported that the first month has been busy, productive, and fulfilling, and that he wants to meet with each board member to learn what the needs are and share the Council's plans, etc. He has already begun the process of meeting with folks, having discussions, and planning future strategies.

Present: Briscoe, Bunn (via phone), Clay, Collins, Fallwell, Fields, Flood, Goldman, Greenhill, Griffin, Havard, Jeter, Reed, Renne, Richardson, Shields, Washington
Excused: Contreras, Courten, Federici, Smith
Absent: Davis, Dyer, Ratliff
Also attending: Dyana Forester (on behalf of Federici), and Mike Wilson, UFCW 400
Staff: Jimenez, Garlock, McKirchy, Dzidzienyo



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President's Report

Jackie Jeter reported:

1. Strategic Plan Update- the Board to review the existing strategic plan and see what adjustments need to be made in the plan including clarifying committees and committee members. Plans to get the Committees active to begin the process of addressing those areas. Also, looking over the Council as a whole to see what improvements need to be made.
2. Evening with Labor- the President appointed a committee to review the event and make some recommendations to the Board by the next meeting, with a look at cost, location, music arrangements, the program, and the dates for 2017. Committee members are Doris Reed (ASASP), Dena Briscoe (APWU 130), Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900), Dyana Forester (UFCW 400 for Mark Federici). Kathleen McKirchy who has coordinated the dinner for many years, will staff the committee.
3. A resolution promoted by SMART Local 100 was reviewed in support of the Federal Railroad Administration crew size rule (see below). After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved.

Resolution in support of Federal Railroad Administration crew size rule

WHEREAS, the safe operation of freight and passenger trains is vital to commerce; and the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO supports efforts to keep train operations safe in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area; and WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding adequate staffing on trains, a factor we believe is vital to ensuring safe train operations; and

WHEREAS, polling across America from North Dakota to Alabama shows overwhelming bi-partisan support of two-person crews, with 83 to 87 percent of those polled in favor of mandating that trains be operated by a crew of at least two qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, national studies show that a minimum of two on-board crew members are vital to operate a train safely and minimize the likelihood of train-related accidents; and WHEREAS, virtually all trains in North America are already operated by crews of at least two individuals, making the economic impact of this proposed rule minimal; and

WHEREAS, the FRA agrees that, while advancements in automated technology such as Positive Train Control

(PTC) systems improve railroad safety, they are not a substitute for a train's on-board crew members, NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO does hereby support the FRA's proposed ruling, requiring that trains operated in America be operated by no less than a two-person crew; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be filed with the United States Department of Transportation in the form of comments in support of the proposed federal rule. Dated this 18th day of April, 2016.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dena Briscoe, Secretary