



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: May 16, 2016

President Jeter called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

Financial Report: (April 2016) The Delegates moved, seconded, and received the report passed for audit.

Correspondence:

Iron Workers 5, Dad's Day Poker Run \$250.00 contribution; MD State and DC AFL-CIO Leadership Awards Dinner June 4, 2016 \$550.00 (2 tickets and full page ad at half price). The total was \$800.00. The Delegates moved, seconded, and approved all correspondence recommendations.

Union Cities

CWA Verizon Strike: LaTasha Carpenter, CWA 2108, reported that Verizon wants to outsource over 5,000 jobs, and send workers to other work locations for up to 120 days as the company has declared this is a service "emergency" because of the strike. This situation does not fit under the scope of an emergency and is in violation of the existing contract. There is going to be a picket on Thursday, May 19, 2016 beginning at 4pm in front of the Verizon Store on 13th & F Street N.W. and then marching to the White House and then to Lafayette Square for a rally.

Giant update: UFCW 400 reported on Giant's plans to sell as many as 9 area stores, affecting many local workers. This is a developing situation and the local will keep folks posted on developments.

NOTE: Union Cities Coordinator Chris Garlock was staffing the YTU Happy Hour and DC LaborFest screening at the American Film Institute.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported that tickets for the 2016 Labor Night at the Nats are still available.

COPE Report

Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on **Labor-to-Labor canvasses** set for May 21, June 4, and June 11 from 10am-2pm, encouraging delegates and locals to "join us

for canvassing to help our members become more involved with union activities and work for endorsed candidate Vincent Orange."

Fair Shot Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2016: a hearing is scheduled for May 26 in the District Building at 11am. It was moved, seconded and adopted to support the Act and to issue a press release in support of the bill.

*Present: Jackie Jeter, Ed Smith, Larry Greenhill, Carl Goldman, Dan Fields, Cynthia Collins, Andrew Washington, Michael Flood
Staff: Jimenez, McKirchy, Dzidzienyo*

Executive Director's Report

Carlos Jimenez reported:

AFL-CIO Training: The second new delegates' training is set for June 2 at 6pm. We took the information from the first training and input from attendees to decide on ways to improve the next one and are using some of it for this one.

Verizon Picket Line attendance: urged delegates and locals to let the Council know about participation in area strike picket lines.

DC Statehood update: we're studying the Mayors proposed bill and plan to urge union members to attend ward meetings and committees to look at what is being proposed. Volunteers included Carl Carson (OPCM 891), Michael (last name/local?) and Lauren Rogers (IATSE 22).

Homeless shelter: a question was raised about the Mayor and the homeless shelter situation and the Metropolitan Council's position and/or involvement. Response: the Metro Council has not been involved with that issue but is keeping a close eye on it and we can continue discussing this further.

Reports of Delegates

Larry Greenhill, Sr., IBEW 26: A. Philip Randolph Institute DC chapter meetings held at IBEW Local 26, 4371 Parliament Place, Lanham, MD on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am. They will also have a Symposium on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 2pm same location as the meetings.

Gwend Johnson-DC CBTU: CBTU National Convention will start next Thursday at 9am at the Washington Hilton Hotel. For more information go to WWW.CBTU.org. Also on June 25 there will be a chapter election, time TBD and we will forward the information to the Metro Council. The chapter meetings are held at CWA, 501 3rd Street N.W.

Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868: An informational picket was recently held at the Strathmore Arts Center for the organized ticket sellers. Gave out flyers, which share the struggle of the workers with salaries, for all attending shows and attendees were very receptive to our plight. International leaders are in support of our efforts. Getting the Montgomery County Council and other affiliates to support us. Stay tuned for updates.

— **Wanda Shelton Martin, AFSCME NUHCE:** 650 workers at Howard



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University Hospital have been told about a layoff, and are asking delegates and the Metro Council to join us as we take our action forward. We need to help bring awareness to the public of the financial plight of the hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

50-50 raffle won by Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, \$36.

Delegate Attendance
coming