



# Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

## DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES: June 20, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Jeter at 6:35pm

Board Members in Attendance: Bunn, Clay, Griffin, Jeter, Renne, Richardson

New Delegates Sworn In: Gina Walton, AFGE 1975; Babatunde Alegbeleye, AFGE 2798; Jeffrey Higgins, IATSE 868; David K Brooks II, AFGE 2741

Minutes- Minutes of the May 16 meeting were moved, seconded and approved.

Financial Report- Financial Report for through May 31, 2016 was moved, seconded and received for audit.

Executive Board Report-

Correspondence: The Board approved giving the Executive Committee authority to make a decision on up to \$1,000 to MD State Delegate Tarlau, \$200 for the Union Edge picnic and \$250 to SMART 100 for their golf tournament.

Resolutions approved: Montgomery County \$15/hr Minimum Wage Resolution with corrections regarding correct MWC name, the Resolution Supporting Taxi Drivers in Prince George's County and the Resolution in Support of Establishing a Prevailing Wage Rate for all Utility Excavation.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Executive Board Report.

President Jeter asked for a special order of business and introduced Laura Wiens from Union Edge Labor's Talk Radio who explained their program and passed out material to delegates. She also encouraged delegates to support the picnic coming up on July 9.

Reports of Staff

Community Services Agency- Executive Director McKirchy reminded delegates about Labor Night at the Nats on 7/22, tickets still available, and announced the Annu-

al Golf Tournament, which will be Monday 9/26. Registration forms were handed out. She also updated the delegates on CSA's actions for Verizon Strike Support which have included raising \$30,000 and spending to date \$24,000 on emergency assistance for striking members, providing strike support training for CWA 2222, and food to CWA 2222 and 2336.

Union Cities- Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock gave Solidarity/ Mobilization updates, reported on the successful 2016 LaborFest, and also updated the delegates on the 2 new delegate trainings which have been held and discussed delegate engagement moving forward. He introduced summer intern from Rutgers Christian Berk, reported briefly on Verizon and Kroger strike outcomes and thanked everyone for their messages of condolence on the loss of his mother.

COPE- Legislative/Political Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on the DC Primary Election Results. The MWC's one endorsed candidate, Vincent Orange for DC City Council At-large, lost to Robert White. Other winners all had some labor support so we will be contacting them to work with their campaigns for the November races, and also to begin planning for Mayoral and Maryland races in 2018. He discussed strengthening COPE Committees and labor's power with summer plans and 2016 goals, and a plan to provide candidate and elected official orientations/trainings. A discussion ensued about how to motivate our members, especially young members, to vote as well as encouraging union members to run for office.

Executive Director's Report- MWC ED Carlos Jimenez gave a report on his first months at the MWC. He indicated he has had on-on-one meetings with most Executive Board members and that he and the staff want to get to most affiliates for meetings. He indicated that work has been done to streamline the financial reporting and he thanked everyone for their support so far.

President's Report- President Jeter reminded all delegates to be sure and sign the attendance form, and reported on the recent Constituent Groups meeting, the CBTU Conference and the CSA quarterly Board of Trustees meeting.

Reports of Delegates-

Gwend Jonson, DC CBTU- reported that the elections for chapter officers has been moved from June to July 30 at the usual CWA location due to request of the National CBTU office to accommodate election concerns.

Donna Brockington, DC CLUW- reported that the annual Gloria Johnson Awards Luncheon will be held July 17 and awardees are Yvette Martin-Gross, AFGE 631, Karen Williams, IBEW 1900, with tributes to Jos Wil-

*Present: Bunn, Clay, Griffin, Jeter, Renne, Richardson*

*Staff: Garlock, Dzidzienyo, Jimenez, McKirchy*



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liams, retired MWC AFL-CIO president and MWC's Fred Allen.

Babatunde Alegbeleye, AFGE 2798 and Eric Bunn, AFGE District 14 reported on the efforts to privatize the VA hospitals and that this is something that affects veterans severely and must be stopped. AFGE will be doing a nationwide campaign against privatization. They will be doing a bowl-a-thon June 30 8-11am to raise awareness and funds.

Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868- reported that they are still negotiating for box office employees at Strathmore Arts Center and that the Kennedy Center contract will be up soon. Due to total solidarity by all the locals at the Kennedy Center management backed off proposed cuts for the singers who are members of AGMA.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

50-50 raffle winner Roland Jeter, ATU 689, \$44.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Briscoe, Secretary