



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Jeter at 6:46 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Briscoe, Bunn, Flood, Greenhill, Sr., Griffin, Jeter, Richardson

New Delegates Sworn In: Larry Kasecamp and David Pendleton, SMART Local 1470

Minutes- Minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting were moved, seconded and approved with the addition of a sentence to the DC CBTU report to clarify that all officers will remain in their positions until the next elections.

Special order of Business: President Jeter requested, and it was approved, to allow two speakers to do their presentations before the rest of the business of the meeting.

She introduced Mike Cavanaugh, Special Assistant to the AFL-CIO Executive Vice-President, who alerted the delegates to materials and videos for use through November 8, and the importance of turning out in large numbers at the AFL-CIO phone banks, the NOVA area labor federation phone banks and canvassing events every Saturday, and the get the word out to members and turn out the vote on election day. We want to move to agenda-driven politics-with labor's agenda- not continue with politics that drives an agenda.

She introduced Steve Lerner, Kevin Connor and Saqib Bhatti, who have all been working in various cities and states to start campaigns, after conducting local power analyses, to re-orient public spending away from corporate welfare and towards things that benefit the common good, like adequate public school funding, infrastructure repair and the like. They demonstrated how knowing who the real power players are, how they influence public policy, and how they are able to be great philanthropists due to use of corporate tax loopholes and incentive

giveaway programs and the like, can lead to public campaigns that return public dollars to support workers and their families.

Executive Board Report:

Financial Report through September 30, 2016 was tabled until the next meeting due to some questions that needed check-in with the accountants.

\$600 for a full-page ad for the Jobs With Justice "I'll Be There" awards event was approved.

Agreed to proceed with preliminary research and meetings around metro DC area power analyses for development of potential campaigns to help build power and grow the local labor movement.

Voted to recommend to the delegates body the endorsement of David Grosso for re-election as at-large DC City Councilmember.

Agreed to write a letter to DC Mayor Bowser, Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Attorney General Racine expressing our concerns about the statehood constitution that is an automatic part of the initiative supporting statehood for DC. The constitution as written needs review and more citizen input before it becomes the official state constitution.

Approved the expenditure of \$12,000 to send President Jeter and Treasurer Bunn to the 2016/2017 AFL-CIO National Labor Leadership Institute with additional costs to be borne by their respective locals and the national AFL-CIO.

After discussion by the Delegate body, the above actions were moved, seconded and approved.

The vote to endorse Mr. Grosso passed with one opposed.

Reports of Staff

Community Services Agency- Executive Director McKirchy urged delegates to take CSA campaign flyers and get the word out to the rank-and-file that they can support CSA and designate contributions to CSA through their worksite giving campaigns- United Way, DC ONE Fund and the Combined Federal Campaign

COPE- Legislative/Political Coordinator David Dzidzienyo reported on the legislative tracking activities they are now working on, and will unveil a voting tracking system in January with the new DC City Council .

Reports of Delegates

Robert Williams, NALC Branch 142 indicated that the 2017 Letter Carriers Food drive will be held second Saturday in May. They would like some assistance getting paper grocery bags from union stores which carriers can leave at locations for customers to fill up with non-perishable food for that day. Food Lion donated one year would like to promote union instead.



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Larry Greenfield and George Hogan, IBEW 26, reported on the new leadership at the local, and the new prioritization of politics 365 days a year to ensure workers and their unions get what they need from the political system.

Herb Harris, BLET/IBT, reported that the local has received its Solidarity Charter from the AFL-CIO and is now an official affiliate of the MWC, AFL-CIO.

Ed Malaga, AFM 161-710, reported that they won a new contract after 5 months of hard bargaining with the National Symphony Orchestra, including 5% over 3 years. They are wearing black bracelets in solidarity with the other Kennedy Center unions who are still trying to get contracts.

Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868, reported that they have settled with the Kennedy Center and won some things and lost a few positions. The real battle now is to try to get a frits contract at the Strathmore Arts Center in Montgomery County that has been dragging its feet for over a year. Rallies are scheduled at the end of the month and the local asked for help to promote these.

Lauren Rogers, IATES 22, reported that they are hoping to settle within the next few weeks at the Kennedy Center.

Roland Jeter, ATU Local 689, reported that the locals' women's caucus is having a fundraiser October 29 and tickets are available.

Burt Bayou, UNITE HERE Local 23, reported on the great turnout at the trump Hotel rally to fight for management to bargain with the workers at the hotel in Las Vegas who have voted in the union. He also indicated that early closures of METRO will be devastating for low-wage workers who rely on public transportation to get to and from work in the late and early morning hours.

Dena Briscoe, APWU NCSML, reported that _____ the 15 year commemoration of the Brent-

wood Post Office anthrax attacks is this Friday and there are several activities planned. Her activism in the union around this issue led to her rise to the leadership of the local. She invited all to attend.

Reports of Allies

Elizabeth Falcon, DC JWW, invited all to the annual "I'll Be There" awards Thursday, October 20 at All Souls Church, and reported on an upcoming action at Whole Foods to demand reinstatement of a fired worker.

Vanessa Dixon, Doctors Council, thanked all who had sent letters of condolence on the recent passing of her mother, who was a strong supporter of workers, of unions and of justice.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

50-50 raffle winner, Saul Schniderman, donated his \$59 winning to CSA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Briscoe, Secretary

Delegate Attendance

Annie Ament, AFM 161-710; Bert Bayou, Unite Here 23; Dena Briscoe, APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD; David Brooks II, AFGE 2741; Luigi Buitrago, AFGE 2978; Barbara Churchill, IATSE 868; Jaime Contreras, SEIU 32BJ; Seth Couslar, FAA local 1653 (AFSCME); George Farenthold OPEIU 277 / American Income Life; Michael Flood AFSCME 2921; James Griffin IBEW 1900; Herbert Harris BLET Division 482 / IBT; Korey Hartwich NNU; Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981; George Hogan IBEW 26; Doug Jacob Unite Here 23; Jackie Jeter ATU 689; Roland Jeter ATU 689; Larry Kasecamp United Transportation Union/SMART-TD 1470; Faye Lawson ATU 689; Ed Malaga AFM 161-710; Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631; James Marx IBEW 26; Shirley Massey AFGE 1975; Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978; Gary Medley AFGE 1975; Richard Murphy IBEW 26; Elaine Newman NCAUR; David Pendleton SMART-TD 1470; Alan Perry IATSE 22; David Richardson AFGE 12; Lauren Rogers IATSE 22; Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910; Mark Sexton IUOE 99; Aaron Taylor; Gina Walton AFGE 1975; Robert D. Williams NALC 142.

Other Attendees: Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, CIR/SEIU 1957; Elizabeth Falcon DC Jobs with Justice