



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2016

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

Swearing in of New Delegates: Shirley Massey, AFGE 1975; Gary Medley, AFGE 1975

Minutes: the minutes of the meeting of June 20 were moved, seconded and approved

Correspondence: The MWC has received a thank you letter from the United Mine Workers of America, and President Jeter thanked everyone who came out to the rally last week.

The following expenditures were moved, seconded and approved:

DC Immigration Film Festival: \$275

DC CLUW: Gloria Johnson Awards Luncheon \$250

Jimmy Tarlau (MD Delegate Dist 47): \$500
Insulators 24: Snyder Memorial Golf Outing \$300

Employment Justice Center 22-Sep Labor Day Breakfast: \$500

DC Fiscal Policy Institute 29-Sep 15th Anniversary \$1500

Financial Report: Treasurer Eric Bunn reviewed the report of activities up through August 21, 2016. It was moved, seconded and approved to receive the report for audit. President's Report: President Jeter provided highlights of the lengthy discussion at the Executive Committee retreat held last week, with growth, an expanded political operation leading up through 2018, and organizational development as the key priorities identified for the labor council. Critical to success is ensuring that the Board leadership be very involved and participate. She introduced the top officers present at today's meeting (Briscoe, Renne, Bunn, Falwell and Jeter; Washington is out sick today). The Board has discussed finances, came out with better understanding and renewed commitment to the Council. It was moved, seconded and approved to name Jos Williams President Emeritus of the labor council, to recognize his long years of service and his contin-

uing connection to locals, politicians and allies. Dena Briscoe was sworn in last Saturday as an area vice-president of the MD and DC State AFL-CIO, joining herself, ED Carlos Jimenez, Roland Jeter, Andrew Washington and Jos Williams.

Executive Board Summary and Report: MWC ED Carlos Jimenez that the Board voted to write off some past due per capita deemed to be uncollectible for years 2014 and 2015 for completion of the audit, but indicated some of the 2015 past due has been collected recently and efforts will be made to recoup some of these funds. The Board appointed a Legislative Committee to identify a labor legislative agenda, identifying and tracking key bills of interest to labor, and notification to affiliates about key legislation. The Board voted support of for UFCW 400's upcoming negotiations with Giant and Safeway. The Board voted on COPE recommendations including in DC, endorsement for the November 8 elections of City Council candidates Robert White (at-large), Vincent Gray (Ward 7) and Trayon White (Ward 8), with No Endorsement for Brandon Todd (Ward 4) and an endorsement of Jack Evans (Ward 2) contingent upon his not moving to table indefinitely the fair scheduling bill at the City Council Committee of the Whole on 9/20. The Board also voted not to support the efforts to establish two new at-large seats on the Prince George's County Council. The Executive Board report was moved, seconded and approved with one no vote.

Staff Reports

Community Services Agency: ED Kathleen McKirchy explained briefly what CSA does for the benefit of new delegates. She discussed the fall worksite giving campaigns- Combined Federal, DC One Fund, United Way and Maryland Charity campaigns and the importance of locals getting the word out to the rank and file to support this labor-sponsored charity. She handed out checklists of support activities and the 2016 CSA campaign flyer.

Union City: Coordinator Chris Garlock asked affiliates to complete Key Local Contacts sheet, reported that the 2016/17 Directory is now out (let him know if you need more copies). He also reported that extra copies of the Labor411 DC 2016 guide are also available.

Presentation: Update on DC's Paid Family Leave Bill and the Just Hours Bill

Joanna Blotner, Jews United for Justice, provided overview/update on status of bill and discussed ways delegates can help push the bill over the top, including bringing in union members to meet with City Council staff. They are looking to broaden the coalition, produce short videos showing impact of paid leave, and unions can provide stories for the videos of members who have suffered as a result of no paid leave. Dyana Forrester, UFCW 400, reviewed background of bill, which came about because workers aren't getting enough hours to make a living, part of the trend toward part-time work. Retail and hospitality industries

Present:

Staff: Fitzgerald, Garlock, Dzidzienyo, Jimenez, McKirchy



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are booming in DC but these are where a lot of the part-time work is. We're being told that the bill will be tabled tomorrow indefinitely, not because of a problem with the bill, but because they want paid family leave to go first. Labor's position should be that we want both bills- working people, most especially low-income workers, need these bills. Discussion on both bills followed the presentations.

Presentation on DC Statehood Initiative

Eugene Kinlow and Desiree Hoffman from the New Columbia Statehood Commission went through a Powerpoint on the background of statehood, the main issues involved and the campaign to win statehood. They are looking for volunteers to be part of a Speakers Bureau, to engage all networks and to share materials. Desmond Serrette, UNITE HERE 25, and campaign director for the Statehood Yes Campaign reported on the "desperate" need for the referendum to pass overwhelmingly to show broad support to the incoming Congress. Rally coming up Thursday, September 22, 6:30p at Thurgood Marshall.

Reports of Delegates, Constituency Groups and Allies

Ann Hoffman, NWU 2, reminded delegates that the AFL-CIO phone banks run Monday-Thursday, 10a-8p, and help is needed.

Elizabeth Davis, WTU 6, reported that the Mayor's search panel for a new chancellor meets Wednesday, September 21

Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, gave an update on the DC chapter which is under administratorship; Jos Williams has been assigned as administrator for a period that will not go longer than 18 months, and an election for officers will be held.

Sarah Jacobsen, UNITE HERE 23, reported on 2 events: National Airport workers organizing and picketing 9am and 3p Tuesday Oct 4; 500 workers at Trump Hotel in Las Vegas, who organized last year, won their

election which has been upheld by the NLRB, have been challenged by Trump who has refused to come to the table. Trump properties across the country will be picketed. We are planning a flotilla to the Trump golf course in McLean, VA on October 8, details to come.

Chuck Clay, IATSE 22, reported on negotiations at the Kennedy Center, which are not going well. Two other locals there have settled and two others are also in negotiations.

MWC ED Carlos Jimenez introduced and welcomed Megan Fitzgerald, new Strategic Campaigns Organizer on staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

50-50 raffle for \$67 won by Sandra Falwell, DCNA.

Respectfully submitted,
Dena Briscoe, Secretary