



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

December 19, 2016

Call to Order/Roll-Call

Minutes: Approved

Correspondence

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez reported that the Executive Committee last week approved \$1,000 to support patch-through calls supporting the Universal Paid Family Leave Act (coming up for a vote 12/20 in DC City Council), pursuant to a request by Jews United for Justice.

Financial Report: David Richardson (AFGE) raised a question about why the -\$20,847 (due from CSA) is reported as a negative. The reports were approved pending an explanation.

Department Reports

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported: Recent/upcoming actions: Jackie Jeter (ATU 689) reported on the Town Halls ATU 689 is planning in January to help develop a "People's Budget" for WMATA. There was also a brief discussion about events around the upcoming inauguration, including the women's march and another one by Sharpton's National Action. Liz Davis said there's a big schools demo coming up in mid-January.

2017 Labor-Media Breakfast: Scheduled for Friday, Feb 3, 8:30a in the AFL-CIO President's Room; sign-up will be sent around soon.

2017 DC LaborFest: planning now underway.

2016 Union Cities Highlights

Verizon strike: massive region-wide mobilization and strike support by the local and national labor movement, as well as by allies.

Ongoing support for affiliate's contract bargaining struggles; one major example was UFCW 400's talks at Giant and Safeway DC LaborFest: 16th annual DC Labor FilmFest and 3rd annual DC LaborFest featured over 70 events throughout the month

of May; well-attended and this year we did a series of simulcasts live from Busboys and Poets on WPFW.

Annual Metro Council Directory with latest info on Council affiliates

2nd annual DC Labor 411 consumer guide; widely distributed and nets the Council about \$3,000

Union City won its 5th 1st-place award in the annual awards competition held by the International Labor Communicators Association

Union City's database grew to 33,500 members, thanks to sign-ups at LaborFest, strikes and other events

ED Carlos Jimenez recognized the behind-the-scenes works Garlock routinely does to support mobilization, citing for example lining up permits and logistics for the big CWA march against Verizon to the White House, and facilitating permit and bus logistics for the big UMWA rally on Capitol Hill.

COPE

Political and Legislative Director David Dzidzienyo reported:

DC COPE: On November 14, 2016 the DC COPE committee convened their monthly meeting where there were two presentations provided before the committee. The first presentation was given by the Chairman of the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen/ International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Herb Harris. This presentation provided the committee with an overview of Bill 21-2003, "Rail Safety and Security Act of 2015", that establishes a state safety office overseeing the passenger, commuter, and freight railroads in the District of Columbia. The second presentation was given by WTU, Local 6 President Elizabeth Davis on behalf of the District of Columbia Nurses Association. This presentation concerned support for the emergency legislation proposed by Councilmember David Grosso which would maintain the amount of school of nurses and hours in each school for the remainder of the school year. As a result of these discussions, there was a recommendation from the DC COPE committee to the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board to support both resolutions. Attached are both resolutions for your review.

Prince Georges/Montgomery County COPE: On November 11, 2016, the Prince Georges/Montgomery County COPE committee convened their monthly meeting, where we held a meaningful discussion concerning What is next for labor post the 2016 presidential election? We discussed: the importance for more internal organizing; the need for communicating more effectively with our membership by having honest conversations; the importance for affiliates to support one another with their legislative efforts. That said, we also discussed the importance of each affiliate providing their immediate and long term legislative priorities which currently, only two affiliates have provided this information. This will enable the Council to best support our affiliate's legislative ef-

Attendance

Present: D. Briscoe; C. Carson; C. Clay; J. Contreras; E. Davis; M. Flood; C. Goldman; L. Greenhill; J. Griffin; D. Havard; J. Jeter; D. Richardson; A. Washington

Excused: E. Bunn; D. Dyer; S. Falwell; M. Federici; D. Fields; D. Reed; G. Renne

Absent: A. Bast; S. Courtien; T. Ratliff

Staff: Dzidzienyo, Fitzgerald, Garlock, Jimenez, McKirchy



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forts.

In conclusion, as the COPE committees continue to make progress we ask that our affiliates continue to support our political and legislative efforts. Also, we would like to acknowledge and send a heartfelt thanks to the affiliates and individuals that provided support during the 2016 Primary and General election cycle.

CSA

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

Holiday baskets: Thanks to everyone for your help and generosity. Were able to help 15 families; 10 different entities organized food drives, and contributions enabled us to assist another 35 families over the season.

Job announcement: looking for as Assistant Executive Director to eventually replace Kathleen as ED.

Bowling tournament: 25th annual tournament coming up January 29; teams forming now.

Executive Director Update: see below under President's Report. Will get updated delegate roster in early 2017 with an eye to filling empty seats and boosting turnout.

Evening with Labor Update

Award recommendations for board approval: following recommendations approved:

CSA Award: Jim Griffin, IBEW 1900

COPE Award: MD- Herb Harris, BLET; DC- Dyana Forester

Golden Picket: CWA locals 2107, 2108, 2222, 2300, 2336 (Verizon strike mobilization)

Organizing Award: AFSCME 1959

Outstanding Ally: Jews United for Justice

JC Turner Award to be considered at the January meeting.

President's Update

President Jeter and ED Carlos Jimenez led an Election Debrief and 2017 Discussion. Extensive presentation and discussion about lessons from 2016 and challenges/opportunities for 2017 and beyond.

Board Reports

- WTU 6 (Liz Davis): contract issue coming up, membership vote coming up.

- IATSE 22 (Chuck Clay): new agreement at Kennedy Center; Clay recently re-elected president of Local 22

- IBEW 1900 (Jim Griffin): Pepco updates; more hiring; NRG may or may not shut down, not clear yet. Excelon now largest utility in US.

- IUOE 99 (Don Havard): Election at MGM next Friday, expect to win. Over 3,000 jobs; other unions involved as well. IBEW 26 new leadership had recent meeting with other unions, mostly trades; another meeting coming up Janu-

ary 10.

- AFSCME Council 20 (Andrew Washington): Comp 1 & 2 units starting bargaining soon.

- UFCW 400 (Mike Wilson): Shoppers Warehouse contract in 2017; working on Paid Family Leave in DC; \$15 wage in Montgomery Co, and sick leave in Annapolis.

- Carl Carson: Constituency group meeting planned for January 2017.

- Flood: out of classification win \$10,000 for member.

- ATU 689 (Jackie Jeter): Thanks to everyone for turning out at recent hearing; we're in a real battle for our members, who are being scapegoated by WMATA and the General Manager. Have set up a war room at the local; trying to think our way out of this mess.

David Dzidzienyo and Herb Harris (BLET) arrived from lobbying the DC City Council and reported on the status of both the Universal Paid Leave and Rail Safety acts, which are both up for votes tomorrow. Kenyon McDuffy was identified as the source of the problem for both bills, though it was also noted that Chairman Mendelson would be the key.

Adjourned at 6:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Dena Briscoe, Secretary*