



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

March 20, 2017

Call to Order 4:05 by President Jeter

Minutes (February 2017); Mr. William Bates is from SMART; Jim Griffin was excused. Approved with corrections.

Financial Report (February 2017) Amir Malek, Bond Beebe consultant, reviewed report. Continuing good year; \$30k better than prior year. Moved and seconded to receive for audit.

New Board Member Nominations: Herbert Harris, BLET/IBT, and Dennis Desmond, LiUNA Local 11; officially nominated last month. They have both accepted the nominations and were elected by acclamation. Both spoke briefly, thanking the Board for their support and confidence - and noting that given the many challenges that lie ahead, solidarity will be of utmost importance. Looking forward to participating and being part of this Council. President Jeter welcomed both.

Correspondence

JUFJ: \$250 – to buy an ad in their program book for the Labor Seder

IUEC 10: \$200 tee sign to support their golf tournament

IBEW 26: \$250 sponsor their poker tournament and fundraiser

Total \$700. Moved, seconded and approved.

Department Reports

CSA
Kathleen McKirchy reported on the upcoming Labor Night at the Nats July 28; flyers in back, IBEW 1900 already bought 200 tickets. Tickets now \$15; CSA gets \$1 per ticket

Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported on the 2017 DC LaborFest and shared a reportback on the 3/21 “We Were There” performance.

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David Dzidzienyo led a Labor 2018 discussion: There are over 50 races up and being contested in 2018, including key executive offices in DC, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County – making Labor 2018 a critical year for labor. Lots of money is being organized by anti-labor forces, which indicates this will be a critical election and winners will shape region for decades to come. Metro Council is starting the process now to prepare – 2017 will be about capacity building, individual programs or initiatives to support affiliates who want to build up their own political program; and a collective set of trainings for all affiliates to train activists and volunteers ahead of Labor 2018. We have to do work in 2017 to engage our members and ID the right issues so that we’re not trying to catch up or compete for our members’ attention. Early Endorsements Vs 2018 Endorsements – no criteria or proposal, but for known or trusted and viable candidates – we should figure out a process to decide early on if we will support

Executive Director

Written report has specifics, but a report back from Carlos Jimenez on the successful March training on workplace rights for undocumented workers and best practices for unions. Executive Board member Jaime Contreras reported on the plans for May Day here in DC

Evening With Labor:

Shaping up to be a successful event again this year; last call for tickets.

Announcements/Misc

Stephen Courtien (CHOICE): did MD Gov. Hogan respond to EWL invite? (He was invited, but no response). Stephen also reported on private right of action cases; have won money back plus damages.

CHOICE and the organizing committee have been handbilling for construction workers to know their rights across DMV.

Chuck Clay: IATSE 22 has neutrality agreement at MGM, but MGM suddenly decided to hire non-union last month and Local 22 protested strongly. On May 24 we’ll have an expedited arbitration on this issue.

Attendance

Present: Eric Bunn, Chuck Clay, Cynthia Collins, Elizabeth Davis, Carl Goldman, Jackie Jeter, Doris Reed, Jaime Contreras, Larry Greenhill, Jim Griffin, Stephen Courtien, Dave Richardson, Herbert Harris, Dan Fields, Dyana Forester, Michael Flood, Carl Carson, Dennis Desmond

Excused: Gino Renne, Andrew Washington, Sandra Falwell, Dena Briscoe, Don Havard

Absent: Aaron Bast, Tommy Ratliff, Dan Dyer

Staff: David Dzidzienyo, Megan Fitzgerald, Chris Garlock, Carlos Jimenez, Kathleen McKirchy



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David Richardson (AFGE 12): thanks for turnout at last week's EPA rally, especially given how cold it was.

Jackie Jeter (ATU 689): Contract talks have broken down between 689 and WMATA. Next week, internal mtgs with membership start; we'll be invoking interest arbitration and starting a series of actions. So we don't have a contract. They want \$100 million from workers to balance the system's budget, which we cannot do. Also the budget hearing is this Thursday and we're working with passengers to fight the fare hikes and service cuts.

Adjourned at 6:15pm