



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2017

President Jeter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

New Delegates sworn in: Michael Noble, SMART 100; David Fernandez-Barrial, AFSCME 2910

Minutes: Motion and a second to approve minutes; Correction: In February, DC Legislative Director in attendance was from SMART (not BLET/IBT); approved as corrected. Also add date.

Financial Report: Eric Bunn asked Executive Director Jimenez to review. Very healthy month in Feb; CAP income up in Jan/Feb plus extra income from EWL and LaborFest which will be released as these events are held. Report approved as distributed.

Exec Board report:

- \$700 in expenditures recommended to support JUFJ, IOUE, and IBEW 26 (see E-Board Minutes)
- Board nominations of Herbert Harris BLET/IBT and Dennis Desmond Laborers 11 both approved by acclamation; both items approved as reported.
- May Day action report: ED Jimenez reported on the plans for major Mayday demonstration/rally

Guest: Community Wellness Center Director Mike Leon, Latin American Youth Center, introduced by Desmond Serrette, Unite Here 25, who serves on their board. Regional org, serves youth 14-23. 45 years in the community; we have staying power. housing for homeless youth; foster care; social services; education programs. Q&A followed.

CSA: Labor Night at the Nats tickets now on sale; 200 already sold (to IBEW 1900). Carlos Jimenez reported that tickets are now \$15 each. Buy early to get best seats.

Union Cities:

Chris Garlock reported on We Were There and the upcoming 2017 DC LaborFest.

COPE

Special presentation at IATSE 22 on the DC budget by Ed Lazere at EPI Also distributed the latest legislative tracker -- covering DC bills -- which is also available online on the COPE page at dclabor.org

Evening With Labor sneak preview: Garlock showed 2016 year in Review slideshow

Reports:

Saul Schneiderman (AFSCME 2910): reported on Trump/GOP's attacks on federal workers. AFSCME went from 60,000 members to 5,000 members in Wisconsin after Scott Walker attacks. Reminded delegates how Reagan's firing PATCO air traffic controllers set the tone for subsequent attacks on unions and working people.

Dave Richardson (AFGE 12): thanked everyone who came out for the EPA rally last week.

Yvette Martin-Gross (AFGE): thanked ED Carlos Jimenez for attending AFGE rally, DC CLUW and DC Water union meeting too.

Sarah Jacobsen, Unite Here 23: with SEIU 32BJ we've been organizing workers at National and Dulles airports. demanding DC pay at the DC airports. We're asking support for an April 12th march from Gravelly Point to MLK Memorial or join us at 4:30 at the memorial to show that airport workers are fighting for equality, marching from a state of inequality to justice at MLK.

Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: still stuck in negotiations with Washington Ballet; started negotiations with Strathmore; update on MGM where we were organizing but things have gone south and we're going to arbitration

Eric Bunn, AFGE District 14: official time bills; 3 bills are in play and one has already been voted on. They need help getting the word out about how this is going to affect us all.

Elizabeth Falcon, DC JWW: updates on Solidarity Squad, trying to bring more people in long-term movement building.

Mike Flood: update on the issue facing his members who aren't getting paid.

Liz Davis, WTU 6: teachers have had no raise for over 5 years even though the city has a surplus; planning to attend mayor's upcoming budget talk.

President Jeter took note of the dramatically expanded level of activity by affiliates and allies. As 689 president she reported that as of last Thursday, contract negotiations with WMATA have broken down, thanks



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to demands for \$100m in benefit takebacks demanded by WMATA. First action will be on March 23 budget hearing; asking supporters to turn out then. fighting Fighting fare hikes, service cuts and layoffs. Noted that this doesn't affect just Local 689, there are four unions at WMATA.

Larry Greenhill, IBEW 26: urged support for the Council's constituency groups, and asked locals to consider sending at least one more person to the meetings of the various constituency groups. and encourage them to come to cope meetings.

Carlos noted that we'll make sure to push this out as well.

Susan Flashman, Alliance for Retired Americans: ARA has three key issues, and ACA attacks all three. Sometimes need folks to testify on these issues who have NOT yet retired; let her know if interested/available.

adjourned 8:07pm

50/50: new SMART delegate Michael Noble won.

DELEGATE ATTENDANCE

Frank Barile	Local 99
Walter Carroll	IBEW 26
Carl Carson	OPCM 891
Violet Carter	IBEW 26
Barbara Childs	AFSA/CSO 4
Chuck Clay	IATSE 22
George Farenthold	OPEIU 277 / American Income Life
David Fernandez-Barrial	AFSCME 2910
Daniel Fields	SEIU 722
Susan Flashman	IBEW 26 Retirees
Michael Flood	AFSCME 2921
John Gaines	ATU 689
Riley Gaines	IBEW 26
Larry Greenhill, Sr.	DC APRI
Herbert Harris	BLET Division 482 / IBT
Korey Hartwich	NNU
Edward Hill	AFGE 2782
George Hogan	IBEW 26
Sarah Jacobson	Unite Here Local 23
Yvette Martin-Gross	AFGE 631
Elaine Newman	NCAUR
Michael Noble	Smart 100
David Pendleton	SMART-TD 1470
David Richardson	AFGE 12
Saul Schniderman	AFSCME 2910
Josh Vandyke	IUOE 77
Gina Walton	AFGE 1975
Sybil Williams	AFGE 2876