



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

April 17, 2017

Called to order by president Jeter at 4 pm.

Minutes: Approval moved by Eric Bunn (AFGE District 14), seconded by Gino Renne (UFCW 1994). Doris Reed (ASASP) requested that Steve Courtien's (CHOICE) apology at last month's meeting for remarks be inserted into the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Financial Update: Gino Renne (UFCW 1994) Motion made for approval. Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900) noted that "we are in very good standing." Questions on why there was an increase in funds, Eric Bunn said it was attributable to new members, making sure we are up to speed on per capita. Amir Malek, Bond Beebe consultant, reviewed report. We will be making additional adjustments with Evening With Labor. Auditors were out, completed the work in four days. Financial report was received.

Correspondence:

The following expenditures were approved: \$1,800 for a full-page and a table (8) at the Annual Tribute to NoVA Labor on June 2. Moved by Gino Renne (UFCW 1994); seconded by Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900). Approved. \$175 for 1 ticket to the Shoot for a Cure Leukemia Fundraiser in Glendale, MD; Doris Reed (ASASP) will be attending for the Council. Moved by Don Havard (IUOE 99), seconded by Gino Renne (UFCW 1994). Approved.

\$1,500 for a half-page ad and 2 tickets to the IBEW 26 125th anniversary celebration at MGM. Moved by Sandra Falwell (DCNA) for half page, Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900) for 2 tickets. Approved.

Total approved \$3,600.

Community Services Agency

Metro Washington Council Executive Director Carlos Jimenez introduced new CSA Assistant Director Matt Losak. Losak discussed the Building Futures Program and the upcoming Labor Night at the Nats, which is expected to sell out this year.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on the upcoming DC LaborFest; Save the Date cards have been distributed and the LaborFest guide will be distributed next week. Lots of great events, many of them free. Discussion ensued about how to promote the LaborFest among affiliates; easy-to-post materials to be provided by the end of the week.

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Director of Legislative/Political Affairs David Dzidzienyo reported on ATU's resolution on WMATA. Jeff Rosenberg, ATU International, with Regina Eberhart, reported that response has been excellent; the proposal is about an alternative plan to what WMATA is proposing. Metro ridership is down 100,000 riders/day; WMATA plan is to raise fares and cut service, which ATU thinks is a bad plan. "Our proposal addresses basic issues of funding, and structural problems." Extensive discussion ensued. Upcoming events include a SmarTrip card giveaway 4/18 7:30a at Silver Spring Metro, with others TBA. The resolution was read and moved by Eric Bunn (AFGE District 14) and Sandra Falwell (DCNA) and unanimously passed.

Roll Call was conducted by Dena Briscoe (APWU); see box above.

Presentation:

Mary Margaret Prange from Calibre did a presentation on "How To Prepare As Union for New Procedures & Priorities at IRS." Due to the increase of labor IRS and DOL enforcement, they reviewed common practices to watch out for.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez reported on the planned June 1st orientation for delegates, and a delegate list clean-up is on the way, May Day march/rally announcement. President Jeter mentioned that "we will be working on developing committees, and continue to work on bringing in new affiliates."

DC Department of Employment Services meeting is occurring regarding the DC Infrastructure Academy. We convened a meeting between unions and the agency to discuss the idea.

Attendance

Present: Briscoe, Bunn, Desmond, Falwell, Goldman, Greenhill, Griffin, Havard, Jeter, Reed, Renne, Richardson

Excused: Contreras, Courtien, Davis, Fields, Harris

Absent: Bast, Carson, Clay, Collins, Dyer, Federici, Flood, Ratliff

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



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Board reports:

Jim Griffin (IBEW 1900): Jim Griffin reminded the board about the “challenge” he made at Evening with Labor regarding folks making donations to CSA that represent 10% of the cost of an EWL table. He shared that he got a check from Ashcraft and Gerel for \$150, and encouraged other board leaders to consider doing the same.

Doris Reed (ASASP): Request for discussion on new structure to be held at the next executive board meeting.

Carl Goldman (AFSCME Council 26): Thanked everyone for being honored with JC Turner Award for Outstanding Trade Unionist of the Year.

Sandra Falwell (DCNA): A People's Summit is planned for June 9th in Chicago, and 4,500 people are already registered.

Adjourned at 6:31pm

Resolution in Support of the Campaign to FIX IT, FUND IT, MAKE IT FAIR, WMATA

WHEREAS, our transportation system is a key component of our economic development and quality of life; and-
WHEREAS, WMATA is a vital economic lifeline for residents of DMV region, especially the most transit dependent population who tend to be low-income workers, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and students.

WHEREAS, 600,000 customers use metro services on a daily basis.

WHEREAS, WMATA is not adequately providing a safe and reliable transit systems and the demand to do so is growing rapidly.

WHEREAS, By slashing services, eliminating routes, and raising fares, WMATA is leaving transit-dependent populations stranded without access to employment, food, schools, healthcare and community services.

Therefore be it:

- RESOLVED, the lack of good public transportation is one of the major economic, environmental and social justice issues facing the DMV region.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Washington Labor Council shall enter into a coalition with other groups and associations, who support the campaign to fix it, fund it, make it fair that focuses on the following goals:

a. FIX IT: Establish labor-management partnerships on all safety matters. Make the safety of riders and workers a real priority.. The DMV's public transit needs investment, not privatization, which results in neglect. Adopt safety recommendations from workers who operate and maintain the system.

b. FUND IT: Secure dedicated funding. Establish funding sources that generate predicable funding in a more sustainable and equitable manner.

c. MAKE IT FAIR: Reject service cuts and fare increases. Implement modified flat fare system. Allow free transfers from local bus-to-rail, rail-to-local bus or local bus-to-local bus within two hours of the time you paid your fare. Implement a system that takes into account passenger's ability to pay, rather than simply on their ages. Expand hours of operation and continue to build the system. Increase transparency for the riding public by making all WMATA board meetings accessible to riders at times average riders are able to attend and in meeting spaces big enough to account for public participation.

We, the Metro Washington Council, are workers, riders, and community supporters who are demanding the public transportation system meet our region needs. Our transit system is in distress and we need to FIX WMATA, FUND IT, and MAKE IT FAIR.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

The affiliated unions of the Metropolitan Washington Council commit to working on these goals alongside the campaign. In this effort, affiliates will provide memberships for events/rallies, resources when needed and asked for, as well as lobbying assistance moving forward.