



Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

DELEGATE MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2017

Meeting called to order by president Jeter at 6:44pm

New Delegates

Six new delegates sworn in: Jason Roe OPEIU 2; Jewel Williams, OPEIU 2; John Dixon WTU 6; Alexander Feltham OPEIU 2; Monica Brokenborough WTU 6; Jamila Holt, WTU 6.

Minutes (March): Moved and seconded to approve. Under events that Carlos Jimenez has attended, update DC Water union meeting to EPA Rally.

Financial Report: Amir Malek from Bond Beebe reported that the Metro Council is in good condition, with a \$30,000 surplus for the first quarter. Moved, seconded and received.

Correspondence: The Executive Board made three recommendations: full page ad and a table to support the NoVA Labor annual dinner (\$1800); \$175 donation to UFCW 400 leukemia fundraiser; half page ad and two tickets to IBEW 26 125th anniversary dinner (\$1500) for a total of \$3600. Moved, seconded and approved.

COPE Report

ATU resolution to "Fund it, Fix it, and make it Fair," moved and seconded. Discussion on resolution ensued after which it was approved. Director of Legislative/Political Affairs David Dzidzienyo added that participation in these efforts is crucial to all collective bargaining unions. Dzidzienyo also mentioned that a fair election bill was presented at DC COPE meeting.

Community Services

Introduction of Matt Losak, Assistant Executive Director at the Community Services Agency. Labor Night at the Nats has sold upwards of 2,000 tickets. Will be working on a new direct support ask to locals and internationals as well as community allies.

Union City report

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez reported that the DC Laborfest runs throughout May, and brings together community and labor throughout the area. Calendar events made available. Highlighted DC UNITED night, May 16th Matewan and director John Sayles event, union whiskey and beer tasting with Labor411 and new partnerships with Smithsonian museums.

Executive Director Report

Carlos Jimenez thanked affiliates for supporting the 2017 Evening with Labor, and noted that he wants to figure out new structure for the event going forward. He said that field work for the Council's audit is now complete.

Now working on updating the Council's delegate list and having a new delegate orientation June 1st.

Maryland/DC AFL-CIO election has occurred, and Donna Edwards was elected President and David Pendleton from SMART is the new secretary-treasurer. Ask was put out to support and participate in May Day action. Question arose about pledging support, advised to make donation to Labor Council. In response to a question on how many attended Evening with Labor, Jimenez said around 900.

President's Report

President Jackie Jeter spoke about May Day in Cuba and how it is a huge event there and should be here in the US as well. She said that last week, we brainstormed ideas on going forward, specifically around creation of working committees. Also need to look at how we can collaborate with CLCs and the State AFL-CIO. Discussions ensued around how we can get unions to collaborate more, especially those that do similar work. Dave Richardson (AFGE 12) spoke about the need to bring together government workers, and Carlos Jimenez spoke on efforts to bring affiliates together through economic development.

Affiliate Reports

Rick Erhmann (Newspaper Guild 32035): Washington Post negotiations are set to begin. Always been a struggle but the Council has always played a role in helping, so the local is counting on Council support and appreciates it.

Tom Killeen (SMART 100): All members are working, doing really well with organizing. Things are looking up.

Ed Hill (AFGE 2782) Signed on a new unit, with six regional offices across country.

Saul Schniderman (AFSCME 2910) Merging is taking place between AFSCME Council 26 and AFSCME Council 20 to consolidate forces.

Jason Roe (OPEIU 2) Recognized Local 2 Recording Secretary Caniesha Washington to speak: Wants support from labor council for AFGE and OPEIU 2 contract negotiations. Asked in February to commit letter



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of support to president Cox. Came again to ask for support and letter of support. President Jeter indicated the limitations this labor council has given the rules of the AFL-CIO when two AFL-CIO affiliates are involved in disputes. She suggested it might help if some AFGE local unions could support Local 2 with AFGE national office as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Delegate Attendance

Frank Barile IUOE Local 99
Monica Brokenborough WTU 6
David Brooks AFGE 2741
Walter Carroll IBEW 26
Melvin Cherry IBEW 26
Barbara Churchill IATSE Local 868
John Dixon WTU 6
Rick Ehrmann Newspaper Guild 32035
Sandra Falwell DCNA/NNU
George Farenthold OPEIU 277 / American Income Life
Alexander Feltham Solidarity Center, OPEIU 2
John Gaines ATU 689
Korey Hartwich NNU
Edward Hill AFGE 2782
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981
Jamila Holt WTU 6
Jackie Jeter ATU 689
Roland Jeter ATU 689
Thomas Killeen SMART 100
Faye Lawson ATU 689
LaKisha Little-Small DCNA
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631
Sonia Mistry OPEIU local 2
Kim Mitchell UFCW 400
David Pendleton SMART-TD 1470
David Richardson AFGE 12
Jason Roe OPEIU 2
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910
Michael Spiller OPEIU Local 2
Aaron Tyler IBEW 1900
Gina Walton AFGE 1975
Gregory Warner IBEW 26
Jewel Williams ATU 689 and OPEIU 2
Boaz Young-EI UFCW 400