

Metro Council Executive Board Minutes
May 15, 2017

Call to Order by president Jeter at 4:08p

Roll Call

Present: Bunn, Carson, Clay, Desmond, Falwell, Flood, Goldman, Greenhill, Griffin, Harris, Jeter, Richardson, Washington, Renne, Forester

Excused: Briscoe, Havard, Reed, Contreras, Courtien, Dyer

Absent: Bast, Collins, David, Dyer, Fields, Ratliff,

Staff: Dzidzienyo, Fitzgerald, Garlock, Losak, McKirchy

Also attending: Amir Malek, Mary Margaret Prange (Calibre accounting), Victoria Leonard (Laborers)

• **Minutes**

For previous month, Chuck Clay was excused. Derek Strosnider assisted Mary Margaret Prange in her presentation last month.

• **Financial Update**

Question about how per capita collection is going; Executive Director Jimenez reported that letters have been sent out to those in arrears and that effort has been fairly successful. Discussion ensued. Bunn noted that only major issue is the Solidarity grant and how it's accounted for. Malek noted that it looks like there will be a net of \$13,000 for the 2017 Evening with Labor. Moved and seconded to accept the report. Approved.

o 2016 Audit: Mary Margaret Prange (Calibre accounting): presented and reviewed audit letter and audit report for 2016. Bottom line is a clean A-plus bill of financial health and books in excellent shape. Council membership is up, over 6,000 members. Extensive discussion ensued focusing on the issue of reporting requirements under the new structure with a full-time Executive Director who's not an officer of the Council. Also question/discussion about travel/expense reporting practices. Moved, seconded to accept the audit. Approved with one abstention (Harris).

• **Correspondence**

The following items were considered:

MD/DC AFL-CIO 6/16/2017 Salute to Leadership: \$1,250.00 (5 tickets and a full page ad). Salute to Labor recognizing Fred Mason and Larry Greenhill. Jimenez, Dzidzienyo, Carson, Harris, and Renne also interested in attending for the Council. Moved, seconded and approved.

APRI DC 6/24/2017 Annual Awards Dinner: \$280.00 (4 tickets) seconded and approved. Progressive Maryland 6/17/2017 Fundraiser \$500.00 seconded and approved.

Total for May: \$1,480.00

YTD: \$6,630

President Jeter noted that the Council made a \$3,000 donation to the May 1

rally/march, which was very successful.

Attendees for the Council's table of 8 at the upcoming NoVA dinner: Richardson, Carson, Falwell, Jimenez, Mckirchy.

- **Staff Reports:**

- o Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported that this year's LaborFest has already attracted record turnout, not just for the major events but for the various tours as well. The new museum events are proving specially popular and most are filling up quickly. Instead of the usual blue cards to collect attendee contact info, this year we're using an app and iPads to sign people up for Union City, which is more labor intensive but results in cleaner data and gets folks signed up much more quickly.

- o CSA

Assistance Executive Director Matt Losak reported:

Labor Night at the Nats, over 5,000 tickets sold.

Early Bird Golf Tournament announcement.

NALC Food Drive report; goes to the capital area food bank.

Apprenticeship program one-pager distributed. Losak also gave a presentation about CSA's new Twitter account @laborcares, and a new independent website for CSA: communityservicesagency.org. Wants to use social media to make the organization more known.

- o COPE

Director of Legislative/Political Affairs David Dzidzienyo reported on the COPE meetings that occurred in the month of May. COPE performed an informal poll of the Counties/City Councils. A discussion of the scorecard occurred at the COPE meetings as well as elections 2018. Affiliates should submit top two legislative priorities. Dzidzienyo went over upcoming training. There was then a discussion about the relationship with the DC Mayor and labor.

Executive Director Report

Carlos Jimenez asked Herbert Harris (BLET/IBT) to speak about the "Raising Wages" conference. Megan Fitzgerald, Strategic Campaign Organizer, also spoke about the experience at the raising wages conference.

President's Report

President Jeter mentioned that Doris Reed brought up last month how we need to have a discussion about where we are as a Council. President Jeter discussed how the staff and the board recently had a discussion about what the staff is currently doing and what the future plans were for the council. She announced that next month we would start the meeting at 3pm to discuss plans for the council moving forward. President

Jeter asked the board to think about how we move the Council forward. There was then a conversation about the blue table.

Herbert Harris (BLET/IBT) asked about the comp plan meeting, and requested that board members be invited in the future.

Adjourned 6:50pm