

Metro Council Delegate Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017

Meeting came to order at 6:55pm

New Delegates sworn in: Laura Fuchs, WTU 6, Jared Catapano, WTU 6

Minutes (April): Moved and seconded to approve. Minutes passed.

Board Report:

The following items were recommended for approval by the Board:

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.

APRI DC 6/24/2017 Annual Awards Dinner: \$280.00 (4 tickets).

Progressive Maryland 6/17/2017 Fundraiser \$500.00.

Total for May: \$1,480.00 (YTD: \$6,630)

Moved and seconded, correspondence passed.

Union City Report: Carlos Jimenez, Executive Director, gave report in Chris Garlock's absence (at LaborFest event). Jimenez thanked delegates and affiliates for supporting the annual Laborfest, which has been having great turnout this year. So far, 500 new Union City sign-ups from events.

Financial Report: Eric Bunn, MWC treasurer, gave report. Calibre CPA gave a draft report of the 2016 audit to the board. Out of the report, everything was fine, everything was accounted for. No corrections or misstatement. ED Jimenez mentioned that we are in a strong financial position, with growing affiliation and per-cap income.

CSA: Kathleen McKirchy, Director of CSA, gave brief introduction to CSA. Labor night at the Nats sold 5,000 tickets so far. Annual Golf Tournament also coming up on September 25, 2017.

COPE: David Dzidzienyo, Director of Legislation/Political Affairs went over the two COPE meetings that occurred this month. COPE will be holding several political trainings over the next several months. There are currently 15,000 unregistered voters in the Metro Washington Council. COPE is currently looking at creating a scorecard. David Dzidzienyo then shared when the upcoming COPE meetings will occur in June.

Campaign Report: Megan Fitzgerald, Strategic Campaign Organizer, went over the new delegate orientation, metro campaign, and raising wages conference.

Executive Director Report

A press conference for ATU 689 will be occurring next Tuesday (5/22) at the AFL-CIO around privatization and the plan to Fix it, Fund it, Make it Fair. Jimenez thanked everyone who joined us in testifying at the Airbnb hearing, noting that work on infrastructure (and the DC Infrastructure Academy) continues; Applied for funding for funds from AFL-CIO to support a community/labor summit.

Motion to create a committee for Evening with Labor. Moved and Seconded.
Looking for volunteers to participate in an Evening with labor committee. Passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Jeter reached out to Dan Dyer (OPEIU 2) about negotiations with AFGE. A letter was developed about the situation and apologies were made about how the situation was handled.

President Jeter touched base on how we are looking at the future of the Council. Asked that the delegates become more involved.

Question from Laura Fuch (WTU) about the position taken by the Council around AirBNB. ED Jimenez went over the resolution that was passed by the Metro Washington Council.

Affiliate Reports

Dave Richardson (AFGE 12) announced about his personal work canvassing for Perriello, candidate for governor in Virginia.

Michael Flood (AFSCME 2921): Discussed the work they are doing to restore the ability to collect unemployment insurance for school employees who are off during the summer, as well as continuing problems with untrained and uncertified workers being required to administer medications to children because there are not enough school nurses in the schools.

Larry Greenhill (IBEW 26): IBEW starting negotiations at Washington Convention Center and will keep the board apprised of developments.

Chuck Clay (IATSE 22): MGM arbitration, over labor dispute. Negotiation with Strathmore. Negotiations over Washington Ballet not going well because of them wanting to take away union security clause.

David Pendleton, Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Secretary/Treasurer: Reminded the delegates about the upcoming Salute to Leadership and encouraged all to come and support the awardees, including retiring president Fred Mason and IBEW 26 leader Larry Greenhill, Sr.

David Fernandez-Barrial (AFSCME 2910): discussed an event about labor history and research called "Dig Where You Are" in conjunction with AFSCME 1808 at the DC Public Library. Jos Williams was the keynote speaker who discussed how AFSCME got started at the Library of Congress, which he was part of as an employee and eventual leader of AFSCME Council 26.

Motion to adjourn, Seconded

Adjourned at 8:06pm

Raffle won by: Sandra Falwell.

Delegate attendance

Olubusola Ayangbesan
Eric Bunn
Melvin Cherry
Barbara Churchill
Chuck Clay
Seth Couslar
Sandra Falwell
George Farenthold
David Fernandez-Barrial
Michael Flood
Riley Gaines
Gino Green
Larry Greenhill Jr
Jamila Holt
Jackie Jeter
Roland Jeter
Larry Kasecamp
Elaine Newman
Michael Noble
David Pendleton
David Richardson
Saul Schniderman
Gregory Warner
Andrew Washington
BOAZ YOUNG-EL

WTU 6
AFGE District 14
IBEW 26
IATSE Local 868
IATSE 22
FAA local 1653 (AFSCME)
DCNA/NNU
OPEIU 277 / American Income Life
AFSCME 2910
AFSCME 2921
IBEW 26
UFCW 1994
IBEW 26
WTU 6
ATU 689
ATU 689
United Transportation Union/SMART-TD 1470
NCAUR
Smart 100
SMART-TD 1470
AFGE 12
AFSCME 2910
IBEW 26
AFSCME Council 20
UFCW 400

Also attending:

Elizabeth Falcon DC Jobs with Justice