

Metro Council Delegate Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2017

Called to Order at 7:03pm

New Delegates sworn in. Richard Bissell (ARA), Brenda Jones (OPEIU 2), Marsha Ridley (IBT 730)

○ **Minutes** (May)

Motion to approve minutes by Eric Bunn (AFGE District 12), moved and approved with one abstention.

○ **Correspondence**

None for month of May

○ **Financial Report**

Treasurer Eric Bunn (AFGE District 12), gave brief report. Financial report moved for approval by Yvette Martin-Gross (AFGE 631), Seconded by Frank Braile (IUOE Local 99) Approved.

Department Reports

○ **Union Cities**

Union Cities Coordinator Chris Garlock out. Executive Director Carlos Jimenez gave report, thanking everyone for participating in 2017 DC LaborFest.

○ **CSA**

Assistant Director Matt Losak announced upcoming 2017 Labor Night at the Nats, Golf event September 25th, Building Futures and social media update. Discussion ensued.

○ **COPE**

Legislative/Political Director David Dzidzienyo gave COPE report. Reported on upcoming trainings and action for COPE Summer 2017 Political Program. Robert Williams (NALC 142), asked about the use of cell phones and issues with being able to contact membership. Michael Flood (AFSCME 2921) mentioned issues with language barriers. Discussion ensued.

○ **Campaigns**

Strategic Campaign Organizer Megan Fitzgerald gave report on ATU 689's Save Our System, and upcoming community events.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez mentioned grant approved to put on a summit for labor unions and community groups. Looking for team to help form that planning. Volunteers to be part of planning group included Robert Williams (NALC 142), Elizabeth Davis (WTU 6), Monica Brokenborough (WTU 6), (Laura Fuchs WTU 6) and Boaz EL-Young (UFCW 400).

Campaign tactics training occurred this past month with Jobs with Justice. Thanked those that turned out and sponsored. Next step is a series of training around campaign strategy. Let the Labor Council know that the DC Council will be bringing up bill around immigration rights and creation of department to support immigrants. Question from Herbert Harris (BLET/IBT) about the status of Paid Family Leave and Airbnb bill.

President's Report

President Jeter gave report on recent AFL-CIO leadership training she attended. Encouraged delegates to get involved in movements and efforts that affect community members. Action items that came out of the Board included to get delegates to join Council committees. Committees include ethics, credentials, affiliations, mobilization, organizing, community services, economic development, relief appeals, education, civil rights and constitution/by-laws. President Jeter asked that delegates pick a committee to join, noting that "We will also be creating working groups crafts/sector." Requests to join groups should email jackiejeter@atu689.org.

Affiliate Reports

Richard Bissell, (Alliance for Retired Americans) Spoke on "Trumpcare" and how we need to make sure it doesn't become law. This act will cut a total of \$1.4 trillion from medicaid. The most vulnerable will be affected. Please call your senator to vote against healthcare legislation. A press conference was announced for the next day. Boaz Young-EI (UFCW 400), added that Kimberly Mitchell from UFCW 400 would be speaking at press conference and that UFCW 400 will be present.

Herbert Harris (BLET/IBT), announced that if you are planning to take rail to NYC this summer, undergoing track project in Penn Station may delay travel. If you are traveling south or west, other major projects will be occurring. Please still ride rail, but make sure you are aware of potential delays.

Eric Bunn (AFGE District 12), Trump budget would also attack federal workforce including cutting the Washington Aqueduct. Oppose selling off. Asked that the Council pass a resolution (**NEED TEXT!**) to oppose selling of Aqueduct. Motion to pass resolution by Herbert Harris (IBET/IBT), Seconded and approved.

Robert Williams (NALC 142), thanked Kathleen McKirchy for help with food drive. Unfortunately food collection decreased this year. Hope to get more people involved in the future. Food drive is always the second Saturday of May.

Michael Flood (AFSCME 2921), met last week with DCPS around negotiations. Going back next week to try and set ground rules. Local AFSCME unions and Council 20 came together for mentor program and was able to feed over 400 people. District Council 20 is working to form partnerships with schools. Try to get as many mentors as possible. If people would like to become a male mentor, go to www.mancave.org.

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez, made an announcement that labor visibility efforts in works for this year's Labor Day. Beltsville labor day parade is an example of an event on that day. Bill Orleans, a community activist, spoke about the Labor Day parade in Greenbelt. Said it was a great opportunity for union affiliates to engage and encourage involvement. Motioned made by Herbert Harris (BLET/IBT) to register for Labor Day parade in Greenbelt. Seconded and approved

David Brooks (AFGE 2741), announced that the director DC Parks and Recreation is trying to fight against privatization, which will move people out.

Motion to adjourn by Gino Renne (UFCW 1994), seconded by Eric Bunn (AFGE District 12)

Raffle \$28 to winner and the other half to Community Services Agency. Winner was Chuck Clay (IATSE 22).

Adjourned at 8:38pm.

Attendees:

Frank Barile Local 99
Richard Bissell IBEW 26 and ARA
Monica Brokenborough WTU 6
David Brooks AFGE 2741
Chuck Clay IATSE 22
Elizabeth Davis WTU 6
Rick Ehrmann Newspaper Guild 32035
Alexander Feltham Solidarity Center, OPEIU 2
Daniel Fields SEIU 722
Susan Flashman IBEW 26 Retirees
Michael Flood AFSCME 2921
Laura Fuchs WTU 6
Herbert Harris BLET Division 482 / IBT
Donald Havard IUOE 99
Jackie Jeter ATU 689
Roland Jeter ATU 689
Brenda Jones OPEIU 2
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631
Sonia Mistry OPEIU local 2
Kim Mitchell UFCW 400
Elaine Newman NCAUR
Gino Renne UFCW 1994 MCGEO
Marsha Ridley Local 730 Teamsters
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910
Mark Sexton IUOE 99
Gina Walton AFGE 1975
Robert D. Williams NALC 142
BOAZ YOUNG-EL UFCW 400