

Metro Council Executive Board Minutes

September 18, 2017

Call to order at 4:09

Agenda: moved, seconded and approved

Attendance

Briscoe, Carson, Clay, Collins, Contreras, Courtien, Desmond, Dyer, Fields, Greenhill, Harris, Jeter, Reed, Renne, Richardson

Also attending: Dyana Forester (for Mark Federici). Donna Edwards, MD-DC AFL-CIO, Vicki Leonard (LiUNA BWDC)

Excused: Bunn, Davis, Falwell, Griffin, Washington

Absent: Bast, Flood, Havard, Ratliff, Washington

Staff: Fitzgerald, Garlock, Jimenez, McKirchy

Minutes (June): Moved and seconded. Correct Gino Renne to UFCW 1994/MCGEO and Carl Goldman to AFSCME Council 26. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence

JWJ I'll Be There awards: recommendation for \$500. Moved and seconded. Approved.

CSA (Golf tourney): recommendation for \$500. Moved and seconded. Approved.

Insulators 24 (Golf tourney): \$300 previously approved.

Baltimore CLC (COPE dinner): \$350 previously approved.

DC Fiscal Policy Institute: \$1,000 previously approved.

DC Jobs with Justice: \$500 previously approved

Financial Report

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez and Amir Malek (Bond Beebe) summarized the reports provided. Transition to Bank of Labor should be completed by end of 2017.

Overall financial picture is good. Question arose about status of DC YTU account.

Discussion about fees for pass-throughs (like the AFL-CIO's in April) and the need to develop a policy. Moved, and seconded. President Jeter suggested that closer attention

be made to budgeting correctly. Report approved. Herb Harris (BLET) suggested doing a budgeting session for 2018; discussion ensued.

Department Reports

Union Cities: Coordinator Chris Garlock noted that it had been a very busy summer, as shown by the many reports in Union City in the summer report distributed. Also noted that the Council's **website and social media** continue to draw significant traffic.

Website averaging **over 5,000** pageviews per day and **2,000 users/month**; Total Facebook likes/followers: **1,080**; Twitter: **4,077**; Union City subscribers: **34,754**. In addition to the daily [Union City Radio](#) reports (M-F 7:15a), this year Garlock reported producing the first-ever WPFW [Labor Day Special](#), co-hosted with Bill Fletcher. The **Bread & Roses labor culture series** continued thru the summer, and is expanding in the Fall to Busboys locations in Hyattsville and Shirlington, working with Jimmy Tarlau in the former and NoVA Labor in the latter.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

CSA Golf Tournament: reminder this is coming up next Monday (22nd annual!)

Fall campaigns reminder: staff is available to make presentations to union meetings and we have flyers on paper and electronically but we need your help to get them into your members hands with encouragement to donate to CSA.

COPE

Executive Director Carlos Jimenez reported on behalf of David Dzidzienyo.

Working with COPE chairs to have conversations regarding endorsement process especially in Montgomery County and with an eye to identifying union members running for office.

Has been reaching out regarding issue identification/development, especially for questionnaires.

Helped develop worksite organizing training that we did last Saturday, which went very well. Thanks to everyone who participated and/or sent staff and members.

Campaign report

Megan Fitzgerald shared highlights of her summer report; community/labor summit, started convening committees over the summer. Montgomery County Fight for \$15 heating up again; hearing on bill is next Tuesday. Lengthy discussion ensued about the necessity and challenges of how best to work together.

Executive Director report

- Received second year grant for organizer
- Staff restructuring: blended former office manager and book-keeper contractor into one position, saving at least \$10k/year. Cynthia Collins (SEIU 400-PG) asked for job descriptions of Campaign Organizer and the new position. The job descriptions of all staff will be reviewed in an executive session starting at 3p next month. Bylaws Committee also has to be appointed.

President's report

- AFL-CIO Convention: Recommended President Jeter as official delegate and Carlos Jimenez as alternate. Approved.

- Evening with Labor 2018: Kathleen McKirchy reported on options for revising the event. Basically stay with same format with some minor tweaking TBA. Also considering returning to Omni Shoreham. Saturday, March 10 (Omni); Hilton penciled us in for two weeks later. Will have to decide soon and make a deposit. Omni assures us parking issue has been resolved (President Jeter reminded the Board that Metro is also an option). By a show of hands, the March 10 date at the Omni was approved.
- Board vacancy: with the merger of AFSCME Council 26 and Carl Goldman's retirement, there's a vacancy on the Board; please send your suggestions to President Jeter asap as she intends to appoint a replacement soon.

Calendar of Events: The calendar of events for the next month – all of which are available and kept updated on the dclabor.org website, was distributed.

Reports of board members

Steve Courtien (CHOICE): DC United stadium PLA going very well; very high percentage of DC residents on the job. President Jeter also reported that “we have signed onto Infrastructure Academy”.

President Jeter introduced Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO president Donna Edwards. Edwards: Elected president by the Executive Board in April and have been running ever since due to the times we live in. We're a movement and we're also an institution and we must remember the difference. We've had a lot of challenges but those are always opportunities to do things differently. State AFL-CIO Convention is coming up so make sure your per capita is paid up. We're very challenged in a lot of ways, including financially. Mddclabor.org is our new and improved website but we have a lot more to do. Warned that Gov. Hogan is already attacking public sector workers and taking him on will be a major challenge. Q&A and discussion ensued.

Adjourned 6:33p