

Executive Board Minutes October 16, 2017

Meeting called to order 3:37pm by president Jeter.

Roll Call

Present: Briscoe, Bunn, Collins, Contreras, Courtien, Desmond, Fields, Griffin, Harris, Havard, Jeter, Reed, Renne, Richardson

Excused: Carson; Davis; Falwell, Federici

Absent: Bast; Dyer, Flood, Ratliff, Washington

Also attending: Dyana Forester, UFCW 400; Lakisha Little, DCNA; Vicky Leonard, Laborers

Staff: Dzidzienyo, Fitzgerald, Garlock, Jimenez, McKirchy

Agenda approved.

Correspondence:

- Tarlau: \$500 recommendation seconded; amended to increase to \$1,000; seconded and approved.

Discussion ensued about how much is budgeted for this line and how much has been spent year-to-date.

- UFW annual reception: moved and seconded to send a letter of support to UFW and encourage affiliates to support, but not to send a contribution. Approved 8-3.

Minutes: Moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 18 meeting. Approved. *(Note that under President's report, it should corrected to say that President Jeter intends to nominate -- not appoint -- a replacement for Carl Goldman)*

Financial Report

Treasurer Eric Bunn (AFGE) submitted the financial report showing the Council's current finances compared to 2016. Dave Richardson noted that "we're doing better than last year, so that's encouraging." Statement of Activities provides more details on revenues and expenditures. Question about when the AFL-CIO Solidarity Grant will be booked. Amir: some of that was booked in 2016 budget, some in 2017 and some will be booked in 2018, because of the timing difference between when the grant is received and our budget year. Similar question about professional fees, which relate to the pass-through funding from the AFL-CIO.

Moved and seconded to accept the report; approved.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reviewed written report in the Executive Board packet, drawing attention to the calendar of events, which includes actions Thursday, October 19 by Unite Here and by UFCW 400 around the Kroger contract.

Also reported that Union City has won a seventh award in the ILCA Media Awards.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy introduced new Assistant Executive Director Sonte Ducote, who has a long history in the labor movement.

Fall worksite giving campaigns still going on; urge and appreciate anything you can do to encourage your members to contribute. Forms available from her directly or download from the CSA website. CSA staff also available to speak briefly at union meetings, just ask and we'll be there. These funds provide much-needed basic operating revenue.

Annual Holiday Basket Project: Options for how your local can support: donate funds, gift cards from union grocery stores; hold worksite food drives or adopt a family. If your local has members in serious financial trouble, let us know so we can help. Recent Golf Tournament raised \$20,000 for Emergency Assistance Fund; big thanks to everyone who supported and/or participated. Discussion ensued.

COPE

David Dzidzienyo reported on upcoming events:

October 30: meet and greet for Prince Georges and Montgomery County County Executive Races. Good opportunity for leaders and members alike. Will be at UMD Hornbake Library, where there's also an ongoing labor history exhibit that's worth visiting.

Met August 20 regarding questionnaires for PG/MC County Executive races; deadline for input has been extended to this Friday. Discussion ensued.

November: planning for a Maryland voter registration training (i.e. how to register voters). At DC COPE, recent session on amending Paid Family Leave; over 100 of our folks testified against. Very disappointed in how Chairman Mendelson is attempting to intimidate Council members on this issue. Meanwhile the Leave bill has not been implemented. DC questionnaire deadline being pushed back to end of November.

Prince George's COPE: discussions about early endorsements, especially in light of the record number of union leaders and members who are running for office. We're recommending early endorsements for labor staffers running for office; candidates with a consistent track record of labor support; start endorsement process for PG County Executive race. Extensive discussion ensued. Motion made and seconded to accept the three recommendations; approved.

Also reported he's been attending community meetings where there are labor folks who are involved but not necessarily identifying themselves as labor. Discussion ensued.

Campaigns

Megan Fitzgerald reported on recent activities, detailed in her written report, including: Community and Labor Summit, November 30, daylong training at Tommy Douglas Center. Funded by grant from the AFL-CIO. Inviting 14-15 community groups; asking unions to also participate and send people (prefer principals of both). Planning call will be this Friday. President Jeter urged Board members to let Megan know who to talk to at the local and Megan said she'll be doing lots of follow-up.

Committees and working groups: ongoing, with more coming up. Will try to provide as much notice as possible. Megan and president Jeter briefly reported on the Economic Development committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting.

Transportation committee meeting on Tuesday, October 17, pulled together by Herb Harris (see flyer in packet).

Healthcare committee meeting wants to look at contracts, will be hosted by DCNA. Lakisa reported that Sandy Falwell is doing well, also noted that she's also submitted her formal retirement letter to Children's Hospital effective the end of October. K-12 Education Committee meeting set for November 1. Also ongoing support for Fight for \$15 in Montgomery Council, where the outcome is still very much up in the air.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Director's report

Carlos Jimenez commended officers and staff "for all your great work over the last month."

- Quarterly roundtable coming up with DC Attorney General on October 31 at his office. Let me know if you're interested.

- President Jeter, Carlos and Gino will all be at the AFL-CIO Convention 10/20-25.

- Request from IFPTE to affiliate one of their newest locals, of Administrative Law Judges.

The Executive Board went into executive session at 5:15 pm, and adjourned at 6:30 pm.