

## **DELEGATE MEETING Minutes October 16, 2017**

Meeting called to order by president Jeter at 6:35

**New delegates** sworn in and introduced to body.

**Minutes:** September minutes; moved and seconded to receive; approved.

**Financial report:** Treasurer Eric Bunn provided synopsis: reflects comparison between 2016 and 2017; we're a little ahead of where we were last year. Second part deals with actual vs budget for the year. Q&A followed. Bunn noted that part of increase is due to grant from AFL-CIO, some of which will be spent in 2018; some is from increased per capita collection. Also rent reduced \$36,000 when moved to 815 16th Street. Moved, seconded to receive report; approved.

**Correspondence and Board actions:** Executive Board recommends a \$1,000 contribution to State Delegate Jimmy Tarlau's re-election campaign. On the UFW request, no recommendation for a contribution.

In other Executive Board actions, the Board adopted the following COPE recommendations: 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. COPE's David Dzidzienyo reviewed in greater detail the discussions and recommendations of the PG COPE committee. Discussion ensued on the need for early endorsements, especially when union members/leaders are running. Moved and seconded to adopt the Board's recommendations. Approved.

### **Union City**

Unite Here's Josh Armstead reported that Unite Here is organizing three actions Thursday, October 19 to support airport workers (at Dulles and in DC) and casino workers (in Baltimore). Garlock reported that UFCW 400 is doing in-store actions in West Virginia on October 19 around the Kroger contract, as negotiations have stalled.

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

### **Community Services Agency**

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy explained what CSA does and introduced new Assistant Executive Director Sonte Ducote, who's been working in the labor movement for over 30 years. Golf Tournament: Raised over \$20,000 -- special thanks to George Farenthold at AIL, which sponsors the popular Bloody Mary Hole -- for the Emergency Assistance Fund.

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.

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.

### **COPE**

David Dzidzienyo reported:

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. Questionnaires for PG/MC County Executive races; deadline for input has been extended to this Friday.

November: planning for a Maryland voter registration training on how to register voters; tens of thousands of area union members are unregistered. Discussion ensued.

### **Campaigns**

Megan Fitzgerald reported on recent activities, including the upcoming 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).

Committees and working groups: ongoing, with more coming up. Will try to provide as much notice as possible. Economic Development meeting was today. Transportation committee meeting on Tuesday, October 17, pulled together by Herb Harris. Healthcare committee meeting October 30 will be hosted by DCNA. K-12 Education Committee meeting set for November 1 at Doris Reed's office. Also ongoing support for Fight for \$15 in Montgomery Council, where the outcome is still very much up in the air.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Carlos Jimenez reported that president Jeter, Executive Director Carlos Jimenez, Gino Renne (UFCW 1994) and Sandy Falwell (NNU/DCNA) will be at the AFL-CIO convention October 20-14.

Carlos also reported that he'll be on parental leave in late November/December but will be available. The delegates expressed their congratulations to Carlos and his wife on the birth of his son.

### **President's Report**

President Jeter reported that the Executive Board has been doing a lot of work around the Council's budget and how to track and allocate the resources to provide the programs to assist our affiliates. That process will take place over the new few months. Reminder that we really want and encourage participation in the various committees; this is your Council. Noted that one of the things that came up in the Economic Development committee was the need to get involved early, otherwise all the decisions have already been made. Discussion on the recent meeting with the DC Mayor ensued.

### **Affiliate Reports**

Ann Hoffman, NWU 1981/UAW: negotiated first contract for first freelance writers at The Nation, including grievance process.

Alex Campbell, SEIU 32BJ: TA for 200 terminal cleaners at National Airport; would be first for cleaners in this area.

Josh Amstead, Unite Here 23: 650 Compass Group workers at Gallaudet in contract negotiations, hoping for win soon.

Adjourned 7:45pm

COPE winner: \$35 Doris Johnson, AFGE 65

## **Attendance**

Josh Armstead Unite Here 23  
Richard Bissell IBEW 26 and ARA  
Dena Briscoe APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD  
Alexander Campbell 32BJ SEIU  
Walter Carroll IBEW 26  
Jared Catapano WTU 6  
Terry Cavanagh SEIU Maryland/DC State Council  
Barbara Churchill IATSE Local868  
Eamon Clifford IUOE 99  
George Farenthold OPEIU 277 / American Income Life  
Alexander Feltham Solidarity Center, OPEIU 2  
Herbert Harris BLET Division 482 / IBT  
Korey Hartwich NNU  
Robert Hayden AFGE 2725  
Robert Hayden AFGE Council 211  
Edward Hill AFGE 2782  
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981  
Jackie Jeter ATU 689  
Roland Jeter ATU 689  
Doris Johnson AFGE 12  
Ed Malaga AFM 161-710  
Linda Martin UNITE HERE 25  
Kathleen Moors IUOE Local 99  
David Richardson AFGE 12  
Marsha Ridley Local 730 Teamsters  
Mike Spiller OPEIU 2  
Susan Thaul IFPTE 75