

Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO
Executive Board
December 18, 2017

Called to order 4:15pm by President Jeter

Roll Call of Officers

Present: Eric Bunn, Carl Carson, Cynthia Collins, Jim Griffin, Herbert Harris, Jackie Jeter, Doris Reed, Dave Richardson, Andrew Washington, Michael Flood, Don Havard

Excused: Dyer, Renne, Dena Briscoe, Dan Fields , Larry Greenhill, Steve Courtien, Mark Federici, Dennis Desmond

Absent: Aaron Bast, Chuck Clay, Tommy Ratliff

Also in attendance: Dyana Forester, UFCW 400; Vickie Leonard, Liuna; Amir Malik Bond Beebe inc.

Staff: David Dzidzienyo (Director of Political/Legislative), Megan Fitzgerald (Strategic Campaign Organizer), Chris Garlock (Union Cities Coordinator), Carlos Jimenez (Executive Director), Kathleen McKirchy (CSA, Executive Director), Sonte DuCote (CSA, Executive Director Assistant).

Minutes from November Board Meeting: Moved to approve (moved by Dave Richardson, seconded by Carl Carson): approved unanimously.

Financial Report for December: Treasurer Bunn reviewed. Moved and seconded (Carl Carson/Dave Richardson) to receive. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Approval for \$1000 donation to Rev. Hagler Plymouth Church of Christ to support church renovations. Moved by Dave Richardson, seconded by Doris Reed, Approved unanimously.

Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy reported on the CSA-Holiday Basket campaign and showed AFGE/OPEIU local 2 video "adopt a family." It was reported that the members of AFGE and OPEIU local 2 raised \$4200.

Evening with Labor

The nominees for the Evening with Labor awards were then presented to the board from the EWL committee as follows. Organizing Award- SEIU 32BJ and UNITE HERE 23; Golden Picket Award- AFSCME Maryland; Outstanding Ally- CASA; Community Services- OPEIU Local 2. The board approved the award nominees.

Union Cities

Chris Garlock referred board members to his written report and gave update on 2018 Directory, now in final stages of production, which he circulated for review/corrections. Other items mentioned include, Making Change at Walmart campaign, SEIU 32BJ, supporting Huntleigh workers' organizing drive, Bread & Roses labor culture series, and current website user numbers.

COPE

David's report included efforts at DC City Council around AFSCME paraprofessionals, DCNA's efforts and rally around the United Medical Center's contract. Other items discussed include paid leave, 40-hour school nursing, Washington Gas/Alta Gas Merger, Movement Matters meeting and the noise ordinance. Discussion ensued around noise ordinance and concern about the true intent of the law. The report then moved onto the endorsement process and recommendations from the COPE committee. Doris Reed discussed events of that day emphasizing the need to be unified. The Prince George's county executive vote was tabled for 1/9/18 COPE meeting. She emphasized that this is a transparent process and wants people to come prepared. President Jeter also expressed frustration with early endorsements by some locals. Extensive discussion ensued.

Candidates recommended for endorsement by the COPE committee include:

- Prince George's County State's Attorney Candidate:
 - Aisha Braveboy
- Prince George's Legislative District 25 Candidate:
 - Wala Blegay
- Montgomery County Legislative District 39 Candidates:
 - Gabriel Acevero
 - Bobby Bartlett
- Montgomery County Legislative District 19 Candidates:
 - Bonnie Cullison
 - Marlin Jenkins
 - Marice Ivette Morales

Herbert Harris moved to begin discussion around these candidates, seconded by Larry Greenhill. Discussion of candidates and types of endorsements ensued. David Richardson moved to vote on all candidates and was seconded by Michael Flood. The recommendations passed unanimously.

Strategic Campaigns

Megan Fitzgerald reported on the successful Community and Labor Summit. Herbert Harris reported on the transportation committee. Megan also reported on the healthcare and k-12 education committees.

President's Report

It was announced that two officer spots, including 2nd vice president and secretary, are now vacant and asked the board to think about possible candidates to fill the spots.

Meeting adjourned 6:43pm

Moved by Herb Harris and seconded by Jim Griffin