

# **METRO WASHINGTON COUNCIL AFL-CIO**

## **Delegate Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2018**

Called to Order 7:05

Reading of the Minutes: moved, seconded and approved as corrected.

### Correspondence

MD/DC AFL-CIO 6/15/2018 Salute to Leadership: moved, seconded and approved to take a full-page ad (\$500) and a table (\$1,500).

IBEW 1900 6/22/2018 Golf Tournament: moved, seconded and approved to sponsor a tee (\$100).

Total approved: \$2,100

### Financial Report: Budget Report

Amir Malek reviewed reports. Bottom line is that the Council's financial position is \$200K stronger than this time last year.

### President's Report: Endorsements

President Jeter thanked the COPE committees for their hard work on the interview and endorsement process and asked Political Director David Dzidzienyo to share the recommendations. After extensive discussion on the recommendations (below), it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations.

#### District of Columbia 2018 Primary Election Candidates

District of Columbia - Mayoral Candidate: Muriel Bowser

District of Columbia City Council - Chairman Candidate: Phil Mendelson

District of Columbia - Attorney General Candidate: Karl Racine

District of Columbia City Council - At-Large Candidate: Anita Bonds

District of Columbia City Council - Ward 1 Candidate: Brianne Nadeau

District of Columbia City Council - Ward 5 Candidate: Kenyon McDuffie

District of Columbia City Council - Ward 6 Candidate: Charles Allen

#### Prince George's/Montgomery County Committee on Political Education (COPE) Endorsement Recommendations

#### Montgomery County Council At-Large 2018 Primary Election Candidates

Montgomery County Council At-Large: No Recommendation

Montgomery County Council At-Large: Brandy Brooks

Montgomery County Council At-Large: Danielle Metiv

Montgomery County Council At-Large: Chris Wilhelm

#### Montgomery County Council 2018 Primary Election Candidates

Montgomery County District 001: James McGee

Montgomery County District 003: Ben Snyder

Montgomery County District 004: Nancy Navarro

Montgomery County District 005: Tom Hucker

Prince George's County Council At-Large 2018 Primary Election Candidates  
Prince George's County Council At-Large: Gerron Levi  
Prince George's County Council At-Large: Karen Toles

Prince George's County Council 2018 Primary Election Candidates  
Prince George's County District 001: Tom Dernoga  
Prince George's County District 002: Deni Tavaras  
Prince George's County District 005: No Recommendation  
Prince George's County District 006: No Recommendation  
Prince George's County District 007: No Recommendation  
Prince George's County District 008: Tony Knotts  
Prince George's County District 009: Sidney Harris

Prince George's County Board of Education 2018 Primary Election Candidates  
Prince George's County District 002: Joshua M. Thomas  
Prince George's County District 003: Juwan Blocker  
Prince George's County District 006: Pat Fletcher  
Prince George's County District 009: Arun Puracken  
Moved and seconded to accept recc; approved.

Moved, seconded and approved to endorse Cynthia Collins for the PG Democratic Central Cttee At-Large.

Initiative 77 (DC); DC COPE recommends support for this initiative. Moved and seconded to accept recommendation; approved.

#### Reports

Carl Carson reported that he won his election.

Josh Armstead, Unite Here 23: World Bank cafeteria workers (200) are filing for election this Friday with 77% majority.

#### Community Services Agency

Sonte DuCote reported CSA has won two grants (39k from City Fund, 35k grant from workforce collaborative; did not get 150k from DOES); Labor Night at the Nats coming up in July. Hold the date for 9/24 golf tournament.

#### Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported on the ongoing DC LaborFest, thanking all the affiliates who sponsored and attended, with special recognition for longtime sponsor AIL; George Farenthold attended a majority of the screenings and events. Also thanked all the volunteers who helped LaborFest run so smoothly. On May 1 he hosted the first-ever "**Workers of the World, Unite!**" **Union City Radio May Day Special**" on WPFW 89.3FM, a 4-hour show with guests including AFL-CIO director of policy and special counsel **Damon Silvers**, **Christian Sweeney**, AFL-CIO Deputy Director of Economic Power & Growth, **Michael Zuyus** (JetBlue crew member), **Justin Bloesch** (Harvard Economics grad student), longtime organizer **Heather Booth**, "Dictionary of Marx" organizer **John Feffer** and Labor411 president **Cherri Senders**, host of the Labor 411 Union Beer and Whiskey Tasting.

Other highlights of the **ongoing DC LaborFest** included well-attended opening week screenings of "The Young Karl Marx" and "Strike" and packed screening/discussions at "Heather Booth: Changing the World" and "Zero Weeks," as well as overflow crowds for our co-sponsored events with the Goethe Institute.

[Your Rights At Work \(WPFW 89.3FM, Thursdays 2-3p\) guests in April included: David](#)

**Stephen**, ATU 689; **Ray Lee**, UFCW 1994/MCGEO Organizing Coordinator; **Will Attig**, Union Veterans Council Executive Director; **Bob Moses**, voting rights organizer, and founder of The Algebra Project; **Alan Hanson**, UFCW 400 mobilization director; **Ralph Nader**; **Bernice Yeung**, author: "In a Day's Work: The Fight to End Sexual Violence Against America's Most Vulnerable Workers"; American Prospect editor **Harold Meyerson**.

Initiative 77: David Dzidzienyo reported on the DC ballot initiative, which would gradually increase the minimum wage for tipped employees to the city's standard minimum wage by 2026. Moved, seconded and approved to endorse/support.

President Jeter raised the question of Metro Council participation in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. It was moved and seconded to table this proposal for now in consideration of limited staff and resources. Motion failed. Motion on whether to participate was approved.

Herb Harris (BLET) reported on the 5/22 City Council hearing on high water fees in DC.

Roscoe Ridley (AFGE 65) recognized all COPE Chairs and also MWC staffer David Dzidzienyo for all their hard work and long hours on the COPE interview and endorsement process. President Jeter said that the Executive Board also discussed the need to streamline the process, noting that the political process is very important and suggestions for improvements are welcome. David Dzidzienyo also reminded delegates that there'll be a labor open house with candidates at a date tba.

President Jeter swore in AFGE's Anthony Wright as a new delegate.

50/50: won by Doris Reed.

Adjourned 8:30 pm

**Delegate attendance:**

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Josh Armstead        | Unite Here 23                    |
| Yahnae Barner        | 1199 SEIU                        |
| Walter Carroll       | IBEW 26                          |
| George Farenthold    | OPEIU 277 / American Income Life |
| Laura Fuchs          | WTU 6                            |
| Riley Gaines         | IBEW 26                          |
| Ann Hoffman          | NWU/UAW 1981                     |
| Roland Jeter         | ATU 689                          |
| Doris Johnson        | AFGE 65                          |
| James Kirk           | SEIU 400                         |
| Pat Lippold          | SEIU 1199                        |
| LaKisha Little-Small | DCNA                             |
| Ed Malaga            | AFM 161-710                      |
| Kathleen Moors       | IUOE Local 99                    |
| Elaine Newman        | NCAUR                            |
| Rick Reese           | NABET 31                         |
| David Richardson     | AFGE 12                          |
| Marsha Ridley        | Local 730 Teamsters              |
| Roscoe Ridley        | AFGE 65                          |
| Anthony Wright       | AFGE 1975                        |

Also attending:  
Elizabeth Falcon DC Jobs with Justice