**Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO**

**Delegate meeting**

**September 17, 2018**

6:46P: Meeting called to order
New Delegates sworn in (see sheet)

Minutes (June): approved

Correspondence
Moved, seconded and approved to make the following contributions per Executive Board recommendations:
Insulators 24 10-Aug Snyder Memorial Golf Outing: $200.00
Central MD CLC 2-Sep Labor Day ad: $100.00
Baltimore CLC Comm Services 9-Oct Golf fundraiser: $250.00
Jews United for Justice 11-Nov Heschel Awards: $1,000.00
DC Labor Chorus 1-Dec 20th Anniversary Concert: $400.00
Working Families Labor Project: $250.00
DC Jobs with Justice 15-Nov "I'll Be There" awards: $1,000.00
Total: $3,200.00

Financial Report (8/31): Moved and seconded to accept

Affiliate Reports

Carl Carson NUHHCE/1199 and Korey Hartwich (NNU): Reported on the “Save Providence Hospital” campaign; in the community for 150 years; would have a “devastating” effect on the community and the hospital workers, many of whom are unionized (NNU, NUHHCE/1199 and Teamsters 639). NNU just organized 250 nurses there four years ago and just got them from among the worst-paid to on par with other area hospitals. Mark calendar for 9/25 call-in and October 10 DC City Council hearing. Need to ramp up pressure on political leaders to act. MWC Political Director David Dzidzienyo urged action as well. “There’s something wrong when a company that’s making $26 million a year can’t keep a community hospital open.”

Liz Davis, WTU 6: need to get involved with endorsements for state education board; these are folks with tremendous influence on local education and Koch et al are already involved. Council Chair Mendelson has scheduled a last-minute meeting on legislation on charters, coming on top of his strong opposition to Initiative 77 we really need to keep a closer eye on our political leaders, especially those who claim to be standing up for working people and their unions.

Doris Reed, ASASP: reported on candidate endorsements now made in the school board; will get those out to everyone. Also trying to get more of the board to be elected instead of appointed. Discussion ensued.

Evening with Labor 2019; Doris Reed: 2019 EWL has been set for March 2 at a new location, Martin’s Crosswinds in Greenbelt, at a significantly lower cost and with free parking and a nearby hotel for those who need it. Enthusiastic response and discussion ensued. Suggestion about recognizing a senior who’s been active (Elaine Newman).

Dena Briscoe, APWU: 9/20 is deadline for their negotiations; likely to have to go to arbitration. Trump has discussed privatizing the Post Office, so that’s an issue.

Larry Greenhill, IBEW 26: Local 26 designated as a staging place for the Maryland governor’s race, which means there will be activity there every Saturday now through Election Day to turn out the vote for Ben Jealous. Low turnout thus far but we look forward to increasing that each week. Discussion on all the different labor-to-labor walks scheduled each Saturday; need to get details from the State Fed.

Kim Mitchell, UFCW 400: reported on negotiations at Macy’s, now pushed back to December. Prices are going up because of tariffs and because Macy’s is cutting registers, which will mean more expensive products and longer lines. Will keep everyone posted.

Ed Hill, AFGE Local 2782: national convention held over summer; reported on election results. Also have been leading fight against Trump’s Executive Orders. But another AFGE delegate noted that a lot of administrators are not obeying the judge and locals are still fighting to hold onto -- or get back into -- their union office spaces.

Jackie Jeter, ATU 689: Arbitrator did not touch our pension, got small raises. Did lose a bit of our health and welfare but it wasn’t as bad as it could have been. Also have been fighting contracting out, this time over custodians, which we won. Just found out that Metro cut another 154 positions, which they’ve been doing by attrition and wearing workers down by enforcement of stringent rules.

Gabe Acevero, UFCW 1994: successful MD 39 General Assembly candidate. “Labor will have no stronger ally in the General Assembly.” He also said that just one “labor bill” per session is “unacceptable” and he’ll be working with other union members and allies in the Assembly to move more worker-friendly bills.

Other delegate reports included an update on the AMR contract and also DC school bus drivers and a question was raised about the current status of the DC water issue.

Union Cities:
Chris Garlock reported on the Council’s labor event calendar, which is constantly updated, including an extensive list of upcoming events this week; be sure to send in info for calendar and news from your local. He also noted that he’s available to address union meetings to promote Union City.

CSA
Executive Director Sonte DuCote reported:
New annual program highlights available
Golf tournament coming up next Monday; big prizes available.
United Way campaigns coming up; urged support and participation.

COPE/Political and Legislative Campaigns
David Dzidzienyo reported:
September 12 At-Large DC Council interviews: recommended endorsing Elissa Silverman; Executive Board accepted this recommendation. MWC will be working with affiliates to organize walks supporting Silverman. Similarly, the race for MontCo County Exec -- where we’ve endorsed Marc Elrich -- is important and we need to support/augment UFCW 1994’s efforts in this race. Moved and seconded to accept the recommendation; unanimously approved.
Initiative 77: DC City Council held a hearing today on repealing this “One Fair Wage” bill; in fact it’s still going on as the Metro Washington Council is meeting. Whether you support or oppose the bill, repealing it is fundamentally disrespectful of DC voters who overwhelmingly approved this initiative.
Discussion ensued; question of best way to activate metro labor activists.

Elizabeth Falcon, DC JWJ: passed out info on 2018 “I’ll Be There” awards, coming up on November 15 at All Soul’s Church,

8:42P: Adjourned

Larry Greenhill won the 50/50 raffle

**ATTENDANCE**Dena Briscoe, APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD
Donna Brockington, CLUW, Metro DC Chapter (AFGE)
Jared Catapano, WTU 6
Melvin Cherry, IBEW 26
Barbara Childs, AFSA/CSO 4
Elizabeth Davis, WTU 6
Dennis Desmond, Laborers 11
David Fernandez-Barrial, AFSCME 2910
Susan Flashman, IBEW 26 RETIRED.MEMBERS CLUB
Laura Fuchs, WTU 6
Riley Gaines, IBEW 26
Larry Greenhill, Sr., DC APRI
Korey Hartwich, NNU
Edward Hill, AFGE 2782
Myra Hines, DCNA
Robert Hollingsworth, AFSCME 2776
Doug Jacob, Unite Here 23
Jackie Jeter, ATU 689
Roland Jeter, ATU 689
LaKisha Little-Smalls, DCNA
Ed Malaga, AFM 161-710
Kim Mitchell, UFCW 400
Elaine Newman, NCAUR
Catherine Reid, AFSCME 626
David Richardson, AFGE 12
Karen Richardson, DCNA
Marsha Ridley, Local 730 Teamsters
Tony Spruill, ASASP
Sophia Thomas, WTU 6
Gina Walton, AFGE 1975
Gregory Warner, IBEW 26
PLUS:
Elizabeth Falcon, DCJWJ
Nicole Jalloh, AFGE 2782
Cindy McNeil, AFGE 1975
Letitia West, AFGE 1975