

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO
Executive Board Meeting
February 25, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Jeter at 3:40 pm.

Roll Call of Officers

Present: Jeter, Bunn, Greenhill Sr, Harris, Griffin, Reed, Clay, Collins, Richardson, Briscoe, Contreras, Carson, Fields, Washington, Federici

Excused: Desmond

Staff (Attended only to give reports): Garlock, Dzidzienyo, DuCote

Minutes (January) Motion by Washington, seconded by Richardson, approved with necessary corrections.

Correspondence

Pres. Jeter noted that the correspondence this month is a request from Jews United for Justice- Labor Seder- Motion passed to spend \$250 for an ad.

Financial Report/Budget

Treasurer Eric Bunn- Discussed upcoming meeting with he, the President, and Mr. Garlock on the investment of time into the Film Festival and Labor Festival. Feels we need to expand our forces with a marketing plan for all of the council activities and events, etc. Discussion ensued from the Board members which included the need for job descriptions for each staff person Discussion concerning the proper reports to give out during the Delegates meeting. Motion approved to follow the recommendation from the Accountant Manager to give out the Budget versus Actual Report only. Financial Report reviewed, discussed, and approved to forward to the Delegates meeting.

Evening with Labor 2019

At this time over 700 tickets have been sold with a few still available, over 68.75 ad pages, and 21 big screen ads. Awardees will receive two tickets and will sit a table together outside of their union table. Awards to be given are J C Turner Award-Herbert Harris, Thomas M. Bradley Community Services Award-SEIU Local 722, DC COPE Award-AFSCME/NUHHCE 1199, Organizing Award- the Washington-Baltimore News Guild IATSE 22, Golden Picket Sign-AFSCME/NUHHCE 1199 and the National Nurses United, Joslyn N. Williams Vanguard Award-Joslyn Williams. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 7 – 11 pm. Parking is free.

CSA

Executive Director Sonte DuCote reported on the those served by the agency during the Federal government shutdown, 95% of those requesting funds were for utilities, 2 request was assistance with their mortgage, and 40 request are pending. The upcoming 2019 Labor Nights with the Nationals will be on Saturday, June 22, ticket prices have increased to \$20 per ticket and include a tee shirt. For those purchasing 50 tickets or more must purchase them from the Nationals (more information will be made available

ASAP). Discussion ensued on finances and fundraising plans that will be shared soon. The government shutdown affected United Way of DC, One Fund, etc., which caused them to cut down their events and affected CSA's accessibility to the agencies resources. A \$300,000 Federal Department of Labor (DOL) to get more women into the 13 trade unions.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reviewed highlights of his written report, including that the bulk of his time over the last month has also been devoted to working with the Evening with Labor committee and Chair Doris Reed to ensure the success of this year's event. The event's main components include event logistics, the program guide (ad sales and book production), ticket sales (promotion and management) and producing the Year in Review slideshow. "Despite a late start and the challenges during the government shutdown, we are on track for a successful event," Garlock reported.

DC Laborfest/Labor Filmfest Bread and Roses events in February included "The General Strike: Back to the Future?" on Wednesday, February 6 and Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution on Tuesday, February 19. Both were well-attended and resulted in well over 100 new Streetheat/Union City sign-ups, underlining the role of LaborFest events in mobilizing both the labor and general community and building the Streetheat database.

Work on the 2019 DC LaborFest in May will resume after the completion of Evening with Labor.

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David Dzidzienyo, Director of Political/Legislative Affairs, reported that February 26 will be the Tri-County meeting at 7 pm at the American Legion on 301 South. February 12. Also, the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO sent a formal letter in support of the SEIU 1199 and NUCHHE 1199 to discuss the healthcare crisis in the District of Columbia. David will re-email all affiliates letters (pre-written add your union logo and president's signature) to be forwarded to Mayor Muriel Bowser. Councilwoman Silverman, will help address the new policy being created which harms Bus Drivers without given them the full policy information and is causing them to get fired. Police, firefighters, postal workers, etc., are all protected against attacks to them by the public. Bus drivers do not. ATU 689 has been meeting at the District of Columbia City Council to work on strengthening the protection for Metro Bus Drivers with the same safety protections. Mary Che and Anita Bonds have been in the discussions to galvanize Federal support to change D.C. Codes on this issue. This would be the Special Events Certification Act of 2019 hopefully finalized by spring. There are open council priorities which include the Fight for \$15 (Senate Bill 280), Right to Work (House Bill 126), Income Tax Bill (for those paying union dues), Railroad Company-Movement of Freight-Required Crew (House Bill 66)

Board Member Reports

Jim Griffin, IBEW 1900: Domestic coal is being shipped to China and India cut off and miners are being laid off and Jim request our support on an upcoming Bill to address this and be on standby. Also, he is preparing for upcoming contract negotiations with

Pepco soon and is hoping for nice and easy negotiations. Herbert mentions that the MD General Assembly that the 2-man train crew is being negatively impacted as the Rails what to take advantage of the autonomous rail system as done in Australia with no rail person in the future. They want to have a single Rail person not and in the future no rail person at all. Legislation is being introduced in MD and Virginia concerning this with the safety issue.6666 Chuck- Contract Security Clause

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dena Briscoe, Recording Secretary