

Delegate MINUTES
June 17, 2019

Called to order at 6:30pm by Eric Bunn on behalf of president Jeter, who's heading out of town.

New delegates: Chris Roell, Workers United; (see other forms); Teamsters

Minutes (May): Moved (Clay) and seconded (Hall) to accept as distributed.

Financial Report (Budget vs Actual through May): Moved (Greenhill Sr) and seconded (Corley) to approve as distributed.

Correspondence:

June action: approved \$500 for full-page ad at IATSE 22's 125 anniversary celebration.

Affiliate reports

Chuck Clay reported on the BSO musicians lockout; picketing daily (see Calendar for updates). Bottom line, the BSO has ample money -- they gave their managers 6-figure salaries -- they're just trying to break the union. Please support these workers and spread the word.

Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910 (ret): resolution (see below) on a 1970 strike by 150 Garrett County workers who were AFSCME members and held the longest municipal strike in U.S. history. Historic and important strike; 50th anniversary is coming up next year. Resolution is to support the establishment of a historic marker to mark the anniversary of the strike. Moved (Hoffman) and seconded (Clay) and unanimously approved.

Robert Hollingsworth, AFSCME 20; Poor People's Congress meeting today at Trinity College in DC; Democratic candidate interviews/screening.

Louis Davis, SEIU 32BJ: thanks for the affiliates who came out last Thursday to support our Justice for Janitors action in support of 11,000 DC-area janitorial workers whose contract is expiring later this year on October 15.

Jesse, Unite Here 23, for Josh Armstead: 2 major fights coming up. First is with Convention Center (Aramark); strike vote coming up Monday; big picket line June 30th. Second: strike vote at Sky Chefs last week; 100% approval. Big rally there July 3 and then July 23rd; stay tuned for details.

Djawa Hall, SEIU 1199: DC City Council 10a tomorrow will vote on final version of budget request, including restoring \$7.1 million to UMC budget. We'll be supporting amendments to ensure this result, plus pushing for a seat on the control board. Also require that any RIFs target management first and not frontline workers. Also neutrality language around organizing new members.

Donna Brockington, AFGE: OPM rally coming up June 25, 12 noon to oppose Trump Admin attack on OPM; if they're able to destroy OPM, other agencies will be next.

Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: At last COPE mtg reported that some of IATSE 22's account had been hacked and warned Board members to implement "positive pay" protections to protect against such fraud.

Bunn noted that program reports have been circulated, so staff will just be covering highlights; please review the written reports for more detail.

Union Cities

BSO lockout; LaborFest wrap-up; New affiliates; Reminder to get him info for any and all events over the summer break.

CSA

Thanks for supporting Labor Night at the Nats; tickets still available

24th annual Golf Tournament coming up in September

Building Futures update: graduated 18 men and women from the DC program. Also graduated 5 women from the PG County program.

COPE

September events now in planning:

- evening conversation with Angela Alsobrooks in PG County
- ditto with Marc Elrich in MontCo
- Legislative priorities get-together with MD Assembly reps

PERB update: Proposed changes to PERB -- sent out an email about this last week -- and we have until July 1 to comment. Will re-send the info, but need to know if anyone is making comments so we can compile.

UMC/UHC update: Djawa Hall reported on the latest status of the UMC saga; basically a significant reduction in services for the local community. Extensive discussion ensued, with many delegates expressing great concern about the future of UMC and also Howard University Hospital. Djawa urged those concerned to join the DC Health Justice Coalition, which is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and meets regularly.

Ann Hoffman: first hearing on statehood for DC is the House on July 24 at 10a; please be sure to be there. First time in 218 years.

Adjourned 8:04pm

50/50:

Attendance: D. Brockington; C Carson; C Clay; N Corley; E Davis; G Farenthold; D Fernandez-Barial; D Fields; S Frum; L Greenhill; D Hall; E Hill; A Hoffman; R Hollingsworth; J Kirk; K Moors; E Newman; A Perry; R Reese; D Richardson; K Richardson; B Robinson; C Roell; W Shaffer; S Schniderman; S Thomas; G Walton; A Wright; F Pinkney; B Blake.

**Resolution
to Commemorate the Garrett County Road Worker Strike of 1970**

WHEREAS, in March 1970, in Garrett County, Maryland, the workers of the county roads department requested recognition of their union, AFSCME – the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO; and,

WHEREAS, these workers were seeking paid overtime in lieu of comp time, seniority improvements and the right to sign a collective bargaining agreement with the union of their choice; and

WHEREAS, following the refusal of the Garrett County Board of Commissioners to recognize their union and sign an agreement with them, 139 out of 144 road workers went on strike on April 7, 1970; and

WHEREAS, these striking workers walked the picket line and with the help of their families and the community, established a food bank, solicited the support of ministers from the Mountaintop Ministerial Association, engaged in political action and coordinated relief efforts with AFSCME; and

WHEREAS, the strike lasted for 8 months ending in victory, making it the longest public employee strike in American history; and

WHEREAS, next year (2020) will be the 50th anniversary of the strike; and

WHEREAS, through their determination and sacrifice these workers made a significant contribution to the labor history of Maryland and to the improvement of its citizens; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Maryland Historic Trust erect a historic roadside marker to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Garrett County Road Worker Strike of 1970.

Unanimously approved June 17, 2019 by the delegates of the Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO