

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 16, 2019

4:00P: Called to Order

#### Roll Call of Officers

Present: Jeter, Washington, Harris, Collins, Brockington, Clay, Davis, Farenthold, Fields, Frum, Havard, Mejia, Reed, Shelton-Martin, Walton, Hollingsworth, Richardson.

Excused: Bunn, Burns, Contreras, Greenhill

Absent: Griffin, Briscoe, Dyer,

#### Minutes:

Update: OPEIU/UFCW fundraiser raised over \$50,000.

#### Correspondence

CSA: \$125 for Basket of Cheer for upcoming golf tourney. Moved and seconded. Approved.

USLAW: annual dues request (\$312.50); moved and seconded. Approved.

UFCW 1994: Thank you letter for supporting anniversary event.

Elijah Cummings fundraiser (info only)

IBEW 26 Poker Run 9/21: \$100 contribution moved and seconded. Approved.

Bread & Roses BSO lock-out fundraiser 9/17: \$500 contribution moved and seconded; approved.

#### Financial Reports

2018 audit report: Glen Eyrich reported. Clean audit strong balance sheet, assets up about a quarter of a million dollars. "Overall an A+ report." Discussion ensued.

Financial reports: Teya Bruce from Withum reviewed the reports, echoing the auditor's report that the Council is in a strong financial position. Discussion ensued.

#### 4:15p: Board Member Reports (60m)

Search Committee: Chair Steve Frum reported on the status of the job search for a new Political Director. 31 applicants; developed metric to review/score the applicants, and have narrowed down to top eight, who will be screened by phone to see who qualifies for an in-person interview, after which a recommendation will be made to the officers. Discussion ensued.

Roxie: msg from NoVA Labor Fed; labor walks have begun on Saturdays (details to follow). We have a chance to win the House and the Senate this year. Also, PG County Exec is hosting a Labor Expo on Oct 26 to showcase labor; location TBA. Looking for locals to participate; Roxie will get details to Chris for UC.

Dyana: DC Jobs with Justice's "I'll Be There" Awards coming up October 17; moved and seconded to contribute \$600 to sponsor (ad etc). Approved.

Gina: AFGE "Rise Up" rally coming up Tues Sept 24 (add details here).

Donna: CLUW convention coming up next month.

Doris: Reported on her decision to resign as chair of the EWL committee. Discussion ensued.

Liz: DC JWJ voted to support WTU's position on teacher evaluations.

Herb: Next spring, the next generation of high-speed trains will start to show up.

Concern is that these come from abroad, especially China, which raises security issues.

Herb may need to be excused from the October meeting because he's supposed to be in China checking out their high-speed trains. Next tranpo ctte mtg will take a look at what's going on with MWAA and WMATA.

Chuck: negotiations continue with PSAV. Also, in March, The Last Ship will be coming to the National, would be great to organize a Labor Night; will get a contact there to work out details.

Andrew: Medical marijuana in DC: discussion on this issue, esp impact on city workers.

Hearing is being held on 9/25 at DC Council. Also stressed that VA elections are key.

Elizabeth Guzman is a VP for one of his locals and is also a State rep seeking re-election; GOP is coming after her, running a black Republican to try to get that seat back. Also had a big win in VA with First Transit strike.

Liz: Climate strike coming up. Jackie noted that the AFL-CIO has been discussing this and has not taken a position.

Don: IUOE 99 had a great summer; organized 7 new sites, inc a couple large groups.

Wanda: Howard won a great 3-year deal; thanked the MWC for helping with that win, saved the jobs of 650 workers.

#### 5:15p: President's Report

Lot of activities over the summer, recent highlights include talking with Dem Ctte in DC; labor seats available (as in MontCo); State Fed mtg; AFL-CIO advisory ctte meeting; working with AFL-CIO on strategic plan; will appoint a committee to develop; Code of Conduct training was held today. 11/12 New Officer Training will be held here at the AFL-CIO specially for the MWC; I also want to spend the trustees to Pittsburgh for the 2-day new officer training on 11/16-17. Moved and seconded to send the trustees to the training; approved. Search ctte appointed and at work, as Chair Frum reported. Noted that David Dzidzienyo has been gone since 8/2, so she's asking MWC officers to step up as necessary in the meantime. Also reported that the PT Admin Asst has been terminated for failure to perform her duties.

Committees: (get all details from Jackie)

Hiring:

DC Workforce investment council: larry/kathleen McKirchy

DC Housing Authority: Dyanna forester

DC Dem Ctte: george, donna

MontCo workforce:

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Membership in the committees is open; those meetings should be held regularly and publicized. The committee assignments will be distributed to the Board and will also be posted on the website.

6:25P: Adjourned