

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO  
Executive Board Meeting  
October 21, 2019

Meeting called to order

President Jeter reported that David Stephens has been hired as the Council's Political/Legislative director.

Discussed creating a new organizer position for outreach and training. Liz Davis (WTU 6) suggested that incoming organizer have a relationship with area legislators to address concerns and labor issues. Dyanna Forester (UFCW 400) said that political organizers play different roles depending on union affiliation. Discussion ensued. Larry Green (IBEW 26) spoke about member participation and Pres. Jeter said that we need a larger variety of unions to attend our events. Herb Harris made a motion to hire a new political organizer ***(Not sure what this refers to; also, as the motion seconded and if so, was it approved?)***

Correspondence: Moved, seconded and approved to give \$1,000 to Jews United for Justice for its 11/17 gala; includes half-page ad and two tickets. Moved, seconded and approved to give \$1,000 to DC Vote for the 11/21 dinner.

Financial reports

Treasurer Eric Bunn spoke about Council affiliates being in arrears on their per capita and will write a letter to all unions for past-due per capita. Moved, seconded and approved to adopt the financial report.

Reports:

DC Councilman Jack Evans wants unions to send him a one-page letter listing all concerns and any tracking of bills.

Tri-County COPE meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post in LaPlata, MD; Jeff Guido and Larry Greenhill will be co-chairs.

Prince George's and Montgomery County COPE meetings will be held 2nd Thursday of the month at the UFCW Headquarters; Deanna Forester and Eric Bunn will be co-chairs.

DC COPE is changing the meeting time from the evening to 2 PM (Next meetings November 14th & December 12th)

Dyanna Forester (UFCW 400) recommends supporting Nicole Williams for delegate 22nd district in Prince George's County

Evening with Labor awardee nominations must be submitted by November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Transportation Committee Chairman Herb Harris reported that anyone operating a passenger vehicle for a living will have their names entered into a federal database.

Educational Committee will meet November 13th at 2 PM at ASAP to discuss charter schools and privatization.

Health Committee: Hearing in DC on October 25th at 9:30 AM; water issues and funding for medical center under Vincent Gray; DC Health Coalition seeking a partnership in order to build a hospital in Southeast DC.

Community Service Agencies - Two union families and one non-union family in need of support; taking food donations on November 12th; bowling tournament on January 26th

Chuck Cook (MD/DC AFL-CIO) leading labor walks every Saturday to endorse an ATU member as a candidate for Bowie city council; state fed is hosting a training for people of all races for members to become candidates (next class is mid-January)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Collins, Recording Secretary