

Metro Washington Council Delegate Minutes: January 21, 2020

Called to order 6:35p

Agenda: moved and seconded to approve.

Minutes (*Oct; there were no meetings in November or December*): Moved and seconded to adopt; approved.

New Delegates: New delegates sworn in.

President Jeter reminded delegates that this would be her final meeting as President; her resignation takes effect at the end of January. She thanked the MWC leaders, delegates and staff, saying "the labor movement needs all of you to move forward." Jeter reminded delegates that next month nominations will open for President and elections will be held in March. "Be the best trade unionists you can be." A prolonged standing ovation followed.

Financial report: Moved & seconded to receive the December financial report (Hoffman/Clay); approved.

Correspondence

CSA: \$125 for raffle prize; moved/seconded and approved. (Hoffman/Clay)

Pres. Jeter noted that Larry Greenhill has resigned his Board seat (has gone to work with 1199 NUHHCE) so that seat will also be up for election; nominations will be open in February and the election held in March.

Election Committee: Mike Spiller (OPEIU, Committee Chair); Gina Walton (AFGE), David Fernandez-Barrial (AFSCME 2910), Kathleen Moors (IUOE 99). Also asked Kevin at AFL-CIO to work with the committee.

Evening with Labor: President Jeter reminded delegates that the 2020 EWL is coming up the first Saturday in April, ask your locals to buy ads and tickets. Turnout is key, reminded Andrew Washington. Jeter also stressed that attendance at COPE meetings are critical; schedule is on the dclabor.org website.

Transit Equity Day: Coming up February 4. Elizabeth Bunn reported on the initiative, started several years ago, to celebrate Rosa Parks birthday to lift up public transportation as a worker right, civil right and environmental issue. Grown each year nationally and this will second year locally. Endorsed by ATU, ATU 689 and UFCW 1994. Asked Metro Council to co-sponsor (at no cost) and to endorse (see resolution). Moved and seconded (Hoffman/Jeter). Herb Harris asked about how other locals can endorse/support. Dyana asked if the Parks family has signed off on this. Approved.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reminded delegates to get any local updates for the 2020 Directory in ASAP. Also reminded them that the annual Labor-Media Breakfast is coming up.

President Jeter reported on the ATU strike, Dyana Forester reported on UFCW 400's ongoing contract negotiations with Shoppers and Giant, Rich McDermott (NABET-CWA) reported on the recent CNN settlement and Elizabeth Falcon on DC Jobs With Justice reported on the win against Power Design, Inc., a national electrical contractor.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Sonte DuCote gave a big shout-out to UFCW 400 for great Resource Fair; reminded delegates about the upcoming annual bowling tournament and also the 2020 Labor Night at the Nats is coming.

COPE

Political Director David Stephens thanked folks for coming out to last month's successful Open House. On Dec 11, several Board reps were at PERB Board nominations and Harriet Seger withdrew her nomination today (applause) and that's due to labor's opposition.

2020 political calendar is set (distributed); started with last week's affiliate meeting. It's a very aggressive calendar that plans for endorsements in March, just two months from now, and includes a Candidate Education Forum, our first-ever. This is an opportunity for us to tell candidates what we expect, instead of just hearing from candidates; that'll be February 3, so look for notice on that soon. Ann Hoffman urged anyone interested in the public position on PERB to get in touch with her ASAP. Discussion ensued.

Affiliate reports

Dave Richardson, AFGE: circulated Single Payer/Medicare for All resolution. MWC was a leader on this issue and it's time to reiterate that support. Discussion ensued. Moved (Richardson) and seconded (Schniderman) to approve resolution. Jeter noted that health care cost is a perennial issue in contract negotiations. Single payer would eliminate 15% that's now wasted in the healthcare system (Frum).

Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: Recently unelected as President of the Local; lost to new young leadership. Local passed amendment allowing him to continue serving as a MWC delegate and Board member.

Keith, Catholic Labor Network: 1/22 event at Georgetown; all are welcome.

Larry Kasecamp; 2-man train crew bill, vetoed twice by Governor Hogan. Scheduled for votes in the MD Assembly and Senate later this month. We have votes to override the veto, but need to get it passed first.

Gwend Johnson, CBTU delegate: Coming up on 2020 Convention; must be a delegate to attend and must be a member of the local CBTU.

Djawa Hall, 1199 SEIU: 2/6 health care committee meeting coming up.

Ann Hoffman: NoVA Labor working hard now to get rid of Right to Work. Andrew Washington reported that Delegate Guzman, and AFSCME member, has been working on this issue as well.

Steven Frum: 2/11 Town Hall, nurses and vets on defending and improving VA.

David Fernandez-Barrial: LACLA Board member; re-organizing; 2/11 meeting. Also, lots of labor material being posted online at LOC.

President Jeter assured delegates that even though she's stepping down from leading the Council, she fully intends to stay involved in the labor movement, she's still a union member, a delegate and an activist.

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm

Attendance

Yahnae Barner	1199 SEIU
Donna Brockington	CLUW, Metro DC Chapter (AFGE 32)
Christopher Brooks	IBEW 26
Tom Clark	IBEW 26
I. Chuck Clay	IATSE Local 22
George Farenthold	OPEIU 277 / American Income Life]
David Fernandez-Barrial	AFSCME 2910
Daniel Fields	SEIU 722
Stephen Frum	NNU
Riley Gaines	IBEW 26
Herbert Harris	BLET Division 482, DCSLB/IBT
David Hershfield	AFGE 12
Ann Hoffman	NWU/UAW 1981
Jackie Jeter	ATU 689
Roland Jeter	ATU 689
Carlos Jimenez	OPCM 891
Larry Kasecamp	SMART-TD 1470
Thomas Killeen	SMART 100
Cordelia McKoy	IBEW 26
Karen Meek	DCNA
Kathleen Moors	IUOE 99
Rick Reese	NABET 31
David Richardson	AFGE 12
Karen Richardson	DCNA
Christopher Roell	Mid Atlantic Regional Joint Board, Workers United
Saul Schniderman	AFSCME 2910
Tracy Spann-Downing	DCNA

Also attending:

Greg Bowen Jr; Benito Diaz; Myra Hines; Rich McDermott, NABET CWA 31