

METRO WASHINGTON COUNCIL

Delegate Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

Called to order 6:30p by 1st VP Jim Griffin.

New delegates sworn in.

Election Committee introduced. Chair David Fernandez-Barrial reviewed rules and plans for nominations and rules for the elections.

Committee member Kathleen Moors opened the floor for Board vacancy nominations: Michael Spiller, OPEIU 2 (Nominated by George Farenthold, OPEIU, seconded by Eric Bunn, AFGE)

George Hogan, IBEW 26 (Richard Murphy IBEW 26; Tom Myers, IBEW 26)

Greg Bowen, ATU 689 (Jackie Jeter; Roland Jeter, both ATU 689)

Motion to close nominations (George Farenthold, OPEIU; Chuck Clay, IATSE 22)

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Dyanna Forester, UFCW 400 (Steven Frum, NNU; Djawa Hall, SEIU 1199)

Cynthia Collins, SEIU 400 (Doris Reed, ASASP; Mark Harris, SEIU)

Eric Bunn, AFGE District 14 (Herbert Harris, BLET; Elizabeth Davis, WTU 6)

Motion to close nominations (Ann Hoffman, NWU; Robert Hollingsworth)

Q&A session: Main question regarded when a roll call can be made; it must be requested prior to the vote. Many other questions, including the need for a larger room (Gompers) for the March meeting, due to the larger turnout expected for the election.

Minutes (January): approved.

Financial Report: Financial Secretary Bunn reviewed the January report. Motion to approve, seconded; approved. Bunn also reported that the Board has approved the 2020 budget (at the February Board meeting earlier today).

IBEW 1900: Jim Griffin reported on pending contract with Dyncorp; also worried about possible plans to close coal plants.

AFGE: Eric Bunn reported the FRA Board decision that due to Janus decision federal employees will have to rejoin.

Alan Hanson, UFCW 400: At the bargaining table with Giant and Safeway for nearly 6 months and despite record profits they're continuing to refuse to fund pension benefits, health benefits, good wages and set a 24-hour limit on part-time workers so they'll never qualify for healthcare. Leaving us few options and we may be forced to strike; press conf tomorrow at 11a at Waterfront Giant to announce next steps.

Liz Davis, WTU 6: Still asking the city to adequately fund the city's schools; 42 public schools have closed in recent years. Circulated resolution that she'd like the Council to pass at some date in the future.

Djawa Hall, 1199 SEIU: note that there is a Committee on Health Oversight at DC City Council, need public input. Big issue in DC over hospital closures and opening new hospitals run by anti-union United HealthCare. Please sign up to testify or just show up to support. There's also an online petition (re-circulate). Dchealthjustice.com has the petition.

Kathleen Moors, IUOE 99; volunteering with FLOC on the April 2019 Vuse electronic cigarettes boycott to support Reynolds tobacco workers. Have been canvassing 7-11 stores in DC; will do another one this Friday 2/21 at 2pm demanding removal of Vuse cigarettes from their stores.

President's Report: First VP Jim Griffin: since November 2016 it's been all bad news; attacks on consumers, workers, which has emboldened corporations to attack us like you've just heard. want to remind everybody that there are bright spots just across the river in VA where things are happening that no-one ever would have thought, including the possibility of the repeal of RTW. We've got an election this year, and this should energize us all, regardless of the results in the White House; get people to vote and get them to vote the right way. We need to support our families and need to be working hard toward that end; there's a great glow of light coming from Richmond and it's truly inspirational.

Committee Reports

Transportation: Herb Harris (BLET) reported on bi-annual mtg 2/11 featured an excellent presentation from 689 on successful campaigns at Cinderbed Road.

Evening with Labor: George Farenthold (OPEIU) reported on the status of this year's EWL. Urged everyone-- especially all the new delegates -- to make sure their locals are getting tickets and/or ads.

Union City: Don Havard reported. Garlock reported on labor-media breakfast, reminded delegates to keep us posted on all labor news so we can get the word out.

CSA: Sonte DuCote thanked locals for supporting the annual bowling tournament. Labor Night at the Nights details; get your tickets now. She also, for the benefit of the new delegates, explained what CSA is and does.

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Legislative Director David Stephen welcomed the new delegates, noting that they're coming in at an exciting time since we're just beginning our endorsement process in the DC City Council. Just approved the questionnaire earlier tonight; will be interviewing candidates all day March 11; want to have a full house then too. Last month we had 34 candidates here in the President's Room, educating them on our issues. It changed the balance of the conversation; instead of them talking to us, they sat and heard what our concerns are and what we expect from them.

Motion to adjourn; approved. 7:42pm

Submitted by Cynthia Collins