

Metropolitan Washington Council Delegate Meeting May 19, 2020 (Via Zoom)

Roll Call of Delegates

Swearing – in of New Delegates

Meeting called to order

Motion made by Murphy and second by George Farenthold to accept April Delegates report

Treasurers Financial report Eric Bunn as follows:

Transitioning from Labor Key to Quick Books the programs are not responding to each other. Request not to accept April Financial report. Motion Mike Spiller second by Chuck Clay to accept the Report.

President's Report

Mr. Washington reported on the reopening of Washington DC and also he is a member the committee. The chair is La Ruby May, former DC City Councilwoman. Discussed the testing of only Federal and District Employees for COVID 19. Mr. Washington wants testing for the public as well. Maryland reported 900 COVID-19 cases in one day. Half of Federal District Employees live in Prince George's County Maryland.

Mayor Bowser is proposing a 4-year freeze on raises for city workers. Some Employees can telework from home public and private Workers. Every state has to assess their budgets to make cuts.

The second Stimulus package is dead on arrival to the US Senate.

Liz Davis asked to address the freeze with DC Mayor Bowser and the City Council. She further stated that three unions would be affected by the freeze. Survey Mayor City workers budget proposal. Eric Bunn called public sector unions to discuss DC Mayor budget issues. D. Hall stated that 1199 would like to be a part of the conversation. Mr. Bunn discussed the small unions and non profits that would be affected by the freeze and that there a lot of small unions that need to be organizes to join the AFL – CIO. Eric Bunn stated that the mayor's budget will be balanced on the backs of labor and increased monies in other places. O. Banks asked if the freeze breaks the current negotiated contracts and will lose jobs. Union members have applied for unemployment and have not received a check.

Larry Greenhill resigned from the Election Committee and AP Washington appointed Chuck Clay to replace him on the Election committee (approved by the Board). Motion made and seconded to accept the President's report.

Election Buddy has been contracted for up to \$2,500.00 for additional time for the Delegates Meeting and Election.

Election Committee Chair David Fernandez-Barrial reported that election will be held at the June 15th regular meeting by Zoom; candidates will get 3 minutes each to speak before the election.

La Ruby May – former DC City Councilwoman -- and partner Will Lightfoot plan to introduce a fair workmen's Comp Law that will benefits all workers, called Public Workers Equality Act. Motion by George Farenthold and seconded by George Hogan to support the legislation.

Ann Hoffman asked for more transparency by including the Delegates in Executive Board Meeting.

Election

Eric Bunn requested that Candidates have 5 minutes to speak before the Delegates. It was agreed to extend the time as requested.

Introduction of the Election Committee: Amy Millar, Kathleen Moor, Gina Walton and Chuck Clay.

Candidates name and positions they seeking:

Executive Board: Greg Bowen, George Hogan, Mike Spiller.

President: Eric Bunn, Dyana Forester

Mr. Washington stated that, as the request of the MWC, President Trumka approved the use of ElectionBuddy as the program to use to conduct the MWC Election, which is set for June 15, 6:30 pm. Dan Fields asked about the date and time of the swearing-in of new delegates: 1 PM June 10th

Ann Hoffman asked about weighted votes or one person, one vote. It was explained that a motion on whether to vote by weighted vote or not will be made on June 15 and must be approved by 30% of the delegates present, per the constitution.

Affiliate reports

Dena Briscoe, APWU president: issues ongoing with Trump trying to privatize the Postal Service.

Federal cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security proposed by the Trump Administration.

Chuck Clay, IATSE 22, organized RC Signature Theatres in Arlington VA.

Delegate Rick Ehrmann of the Washington-Baltimore News Guild moved that the Metropolitan Washington Council conclude the MWC – Guild contract covering MWC's staff, including all TA'd items and maintaining the status quo regarding health benefits and that MWC staff member David Stephens be retroactively paid his post-probationary pay increase. Delegate Ann Hoffman seconded Ehrmann's motion. Acting President Andrew Washington ruled the motion out of order because negotiations with the Guild were not over. He assured the delegates that the contract matter would be settled before his term ended and that the issues regarding staffer David Stevens' post-probation increase would be resolved. Dan Fields asked about the CAP Program salary for the two employees pay increase. Motion made to table conversation about contract negotiations.

Affiliates report

E. Falcon, Jobs with Justice, discussed Mayor Bowser's budget for Washington DC. Having a virtual meeting to discuss the upcoming Budget Freeze.

Community Service Agency raised \$150,000 and received two grants, with monies to be used by June 30th to help members with their utilities, groceries etc.

Building Futures

Sylvia is recruiting members for job training. Motion made by George Hogan, seconded by George Farenthold to accept affiliates reports.

Motion to Adjourn, made by George Farenthold and seconded by Rich Murphy.

Meeting adjourned.

Cynthia Collins, Recording Secretary