

Executive Board Minutes

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Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

October 16, 2006

4:15 meeting called to order by President Williams

Minutes: September minutes moved and seconded; Carl Goldman & John Boardman were excused, not absent. Approved as corrected.

Financial Reports: September reports received.

Correspondence:

- MD Legislative Black Caucus: 5 tickets (\$625) to breakfast recommended/approved.
- DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton Reception (co-sponsored by President Williams): President Williams asked Board members to urge their international unions to contribute up to the maximum \$5,000. All are welcome and encouraged to attend regardless: 10/17 6-8P.

President Williams reported that the Trustees will be meeting next month

Union Cities

- FilmFest report: best-attended yet; distributed copies of FilmFest Guide.
- Newspaper Guild Local 35 pickets Catholic News Service Wednesday over CNS demand for unilateral control over pension fund.

Community Services Agency

- Golf Tourney Monday; 108 golfers signed up, room for more.
- Bowling Tournament coming up January 28, 2007
- No Thanksgiving baskets

but there will be Holiday baskets in December

LABOR 2006

Craig Simpson reported on the various Labor 2006 activities – walks & phonebanks -- being run, some by the Council, some by the national AFL-CIO and some together. Challenging situation but it's the way it is. Good news is that some of the CTW unions have worked it out with AFL-CIO to combine all lists for outreach.

President Williams acknowledged and expressed appreciation to all the Council affiliates of Change To Win unions for their work pulling together despite confusion and acrimony at the higher levels. It's been tough but ultimately he thinks "we're going to be successful." At the same time, he acknowledged that not all locals have been stepping up as much as they could or should, which is frustrating.

Rick Powell reported on the Council-coordinated efforts in Prince George's County, which got off to a slow start but has been picking up; 15 folks turned out last Saturday. Lou Cernak, IUOE 99, said the Working America lists don't seem so good: folks they talked to last weekend were not supportive. Merle Cuttitta, SEIU 500, and Sonny Reed, SEIU 400, reported on SEIU outreach efforts. Mark Federici, UFCW

400, and Gino Renne, UFCW 1994, reported on UFCW efforts, including mailings, worksite leaflets, robocalls, etc. John Boardman, UNITE HERE 25 reported on what UNITE HERE is doing. President Williams reported on activities in the District of Columbia, especially in the School Board election. Asked that the Board be authorized to make the School Board nominations, as the committee he appointed to interview/recommend has not yet made their recommendations.

Asked the same for the DC City Council At-Large endorsements. Both were approved unanimously with no debate.

Gino Renne, UFCW 1994, introduced George Leventhal, President of the Montgomery County Council, which oversees a multi-billion budget and contracts covering over 30,000 workers. Leventhal thanked the Council and affiliates for their help through a tough primary; focus now is on helping elect O'Malley Governor. Introduced new Chief of Staff Patty Vitale, who replaces Valerie Ervin, who successfully ran for County Council.

REPORTS

Gino Renne, UFCW 1994, reported on Mike Subin bill in Montgomery County Council to extend healthcare coverage requirements to any business getting public money, which

Present: J Williams, F Allen, M Golash, L Cernak, R. Scott, J Boardman, L Bridges, G Renne, M Federici, C Goldman, S Reed, M Cuttitta, G Pinder, D Dyer, D Reed, N Saunders, M Golash
Excused: R Herbekian, B Campbell, T Ratliff, J Pappas
Absent: E Bunn, G Johnson, S Falwell, A Smith

Staff: K McKirchy, C Garlock, R Powell, C Simpson

Also attending: Tony Perez, UFCW 400

levels the playing field when competing against public employees; this is on a fast-track and there's a very good chance this will pass before the current Council session ends.

Mike Golash, ATU 689, reported on possible changes to MLK holiday work schedule; not a bargaining issue but union plans to circulate petition against it, though they recognize the need for additional staffing that day (issue is not pay, since everyone gets paid).

Carl Goldman, AFSCME Council 26, reported on October 5 win for maintenance workers at Architect of the Capitol; vote was 50-21. Another organizing drive at US Parole Commission; should be vote within the month. Also

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having a problem with Library of Congress management, which is unleashing all sorts of attacks, including harassment of workers and the union over official "lost" time and other relatively minor issues.

John Boardman, UNITE HERE, reported that a national cardcheck agreement had just been negotiated for three new hotels in Northern Virginia. The campaign was headed up by Roxie Herbekian as part of national negotiations with Hilton. The hotels are in Tysons Corner and two Hiltons in the Arlington area, for a total of five (850 members) in NoVa, 4 Hilton & 1 Sheraton.

Nathan Saunders, WTU 6, reported on involvement in school modernization plans. He is on the advisory committee and will make sure labor is well-represented.

Adjourned 5:47P

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