

Delegate's Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

February 27, 2006

6:45 called to order by President Williams

New delegates sworn in: Les Evans, CWA 2108; Lucille Washington, AFSCME 2921; George Lord, GCIU 503; Lee Clifford, IUOE 99

Minutes (February): approved as distributed.

Financial Reports of the Council and CSA (February): received

Delegate Attendance

Baxter, Randall AFSCME 3976
Brooks, Ritchie TEAMSTERS 730
Clay, I. Chuck IATSE 22
Cusick, John AFM 161-710
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario LABORERS 657
Fields, Jr, Daniel SEIU 722
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657
Freeland, Ronald LABORERS 657
Gibson, William TEAMSTERS 96
Horgan, Joseph OPEIU 2
Jones, Walter AFSCME 2087
Lord, George GPO Jt Cncl of Unions
Murphy, Michael R. IUOE 99
Newman, Elaine L. NCAUR
Page, John IATSE 22
Pesantez, Jaime IUOE 99
Pullium, Mark Mailers 29
Putnam, Joyce OPEIU 2
Reyes, Victor LABORERS 657
Richardson, Tyrone TEAMSTERS 730
Schneiderman, Saul AFSCME 2910
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS' 657
Sexton, Mark IUOE 99
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2
Tarlau, Jimmy CWA 2336
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657
Woodall, John E. TEAMSTERS 730
Also attending: Michelle Tolson, AFGE 32; Ann Hoffman, NWU; Pat Fletcher, AFSCME 3399; Walter Carroll, IBEW 26

Correspondence: approved the following recommendations from the Executive Board:

· Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee for their annual Spring Ball May 6 at Indian Springs Country Club: 1/2 page ad & 2 tickets, \$350

· UFCW Mid-Atlantic Political Action Committee annual "Person of the Year" dinner to be held April 6 in West Virginia. Two tickets, \$300.

· National CBTU 35th Anniversary Convention in Orlando, FL Memorial Day weekend; half-page ad \$250.

· APRI Greater Washington Chapter, 14th Annual Birthday Celebration, April 15 at the Washington Navy Yard. 4 tickets, \$260

· Jews United for Justice, co-sponsor annual Labor Seder, March 30 at Temple Rodef Shalom; \$200 (\$1,680 total)

Other correspondence:

· From PG County Council-member Tom Dernoga thanking the Council for its contribution to his campaign committee.

· From DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, thanking the Council for its contribution for her annual holiday party.

· From DC Fiscal Policy Institute, thanking the Council for its contribution.

UNION Cities: Chris Garlock - Dancers at Washington Bal-

let: Eleni Kallas, AGMA-DC thanked President Williams, CSA's Kathleen McKirchy and Union Cities Coordinator Chris Garlock for all their help in the ongoing struggle for a contract by 20 locked-out dancers. She introduced several of the dancers: Rungiao Du, Erin Mahoney Du, Chip Coleman, who addressed the Council. "Our spirits were waning but they were brought back up on the picket-line in the rain and cold last December," said dancer Erin Mahoney Du. Du and fellow locked-out Washington Ballet dancers Rungiao Du and Chip Coleman reported that the 20 dancers are holding strong despite the financial hardships created by the 3-month lockout. The dancers have been out of work since December, when management cancelled The Nutcracker in the midst of contract negotiations. "We saw so many faces we'd never seen before on that line," said Rungiao Du. "We were totally shocked to see so much support from so many."

Council Officers Election

President Williams turned the chair over to Election Committee Chair Mike Murphy (IUOE 99), who introduced the rest of the Committee: Michelle Tolson (AFGE 32), Dario Ferruffino (Laborers 657), Wanda Shelton-Martin (OPEIU 153) and Keith Hickman (Cement Masons 891).

Present: Joslyn Williams, Francis Olshefski, Roxie Herbekian, Gino Renne, Bob Campbell, Linda Bridges, Louis Cernak, Carnell Reed, Dan Dyer, Jerry Lozupone, Carl Goldman, Thomas Ratliff, Eric Bunn, Mark Federici, Merle Cuttitta, James Pappas, Doris Reed, Sandra Falwell, Archie Smith, Gene Pinder, Mike Gollash, Fred Allen, Randolph Scott

Absent: John Boardman, George Johnson, Nathan Saunders

Staff: Garlock, Simpson.

Murphy reported that the Committee had determined that all candidates on the slate for Council officers are eligible to hold office, and that have all agreed to hold office if elected. Murphy recommended that the Council Secretary move for a vote on the entire slate and it was moved, seconded and approved. The Council officers were then sworn in by MD State/DC AFL-CIO President Fred Mason. President Williams thanked the delegates for their vote of confidence and pledged to work hard "to continue to build the best local labor movement possible over the course of the next three years."

Union Cities 2:

- Teamsters/Waste Management: Local 639 President

Tommy Ratliff reported on ongoing contract negotiations with Waste Management. Strike next month by 60 area workers is possible.

- Garlock reported that contract negotiations continue at NPR, PBS and WJLA by NABET 31; passed out new Council brochure; two upcoming films deal with labor issues: 3/3 "A Union Man: The Life and Work of Julius Margolin" at CWA; 3/15 "Meeting Face to Face: Iraqi Labor Leaders Tour the U.S." at AFL-CIO.; new DC Student Labor Project Coordinator Ashwini Jaising reported on status of the Living Wage campaign at Georgetown (rally tomorrow).

Reports Of Local Unions

- Mailers 29: Washington Post declared impasse on January 27 and implemented section taking pension away from utility workers, instead putting half into a "raise" and half into the Post's 401K. Urged delegates to go to washingtonpostunfair.com and sign petition.

Constituency Groups

- A. Philip Randolph Institute DC (APRI): Wanda Shelton-Martin reminded delegates that the annual birthday celebration is April 15.

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Craig Simpson reported on the 2006 interview/endorsement process. MD State/DC AFL-CIO President Fred Mason reported on the impact of Change To Win disaffiliations of about 33 local unions; "as of today, 27 of them have re-affiliated under the Solidarity Charter program." Mason also reported that "Today the national AFL-CIO announced an agreement with the NEA to allow locals to directly affiliate with the AFL-CIO." Mason also updated delegates on the upcoming MD State/DC AFL-CIO meeting on 2/28 to make endorsements for US Senate and Maryland Governor and reviewed the process.

President Williams took note of RNs Working Together, a new coalition of

nurses organizing/working together on the national level.

Community Services Agency

President Williams, on behalf of CSA Executive Director Kathleen Mckirchy, reported:
Building Trades Recruitment Grant: to DC residents for construction jobs. Plan to go out in community and find people to refer to apprenticeship programs or pre-apprenticeship programs. Please help spread the word. Not just limited to stadium construction jobs; lots of other building projects in DC in next 10 years.

Hospitality Training Program: graduated 18 people today in immersion program from Shaw neighborhood; 2-week program. Now need to get them into OJT training and then jobs.

Fred Allen reported on the upcoming Evening With Labor.

Meeting adjourned 7:54P

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Campbell, Recording Secretary

Randy Baxter (AFSCME 3976) won 2 tickets to ballet benefit performance; Sandra Falwell (DCNA) won 50/50