



Delegate's Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

March 20, 2006

*Called to order 6:42P by
President Williams*

Minutes: accepted with note that Avis Buchanan, AFGE 2782, was in attendance, as was Russel C. Washington

Financial Report: Reports of the Metro Washington Council and Community Services Agency received.

Correspondence: none

Delegate Attendance

Julio Avila IUOE 99
Daniel Fields, Jr SEIU 722
Jo Freeman NWU/UAW 2
Harry Geety IUOE 99
David Hershfield AFGE 12
Joseph Horgan OPEIU 2
Gwend Johnson CBTU DC
Michael R. Murphy IUOE 99
Rick Powell UNITE HERE 25
Joyce Putnam OPEIU 2
Nathan Saunders WTU 6
Rodney Sewell LABORERS' JTF 657
Mark Sexton IUOE 99
Edward Stern AFGE 12
Joseph Strong IAM 1486
Jimmy Tarlau CWA 2336
Gerald Warrick LABORERS 657

Also attending: Avis Buchanan, AFGE 2782; Jasper Sterling, AFGE 3721; Ann Hoffman, NWU DC; Herb Harris; Kenneth Lyons AFGE 3721; Calvin Haupt AFGE 3721.

Executive Board actions: The Board voted to expend \$2,000 to United Black Fund in the name of DC Councilmember Rolark to be presented at Evening with Labor.

Evening With Labor

Fred Allen reported on final plans for this Saturday's 29th annual Evening With Labor, noting that this year should be considered an unusual event as far as the decision to dispense with the usual labor awards in favor of recognition of two significant political friends of labor, Senator Paul Sarbanes and DC Mayor Anthony Williams.

Union City

Chris Garlock

- Washington Ballet dancers, members of AGMA: Eleni Kallas and ballet dancers from the Washington Ballet reported on their recent tentative contract settlement, thanking the Council for its support and noting that "We could not have done it without you."
- Georgetown Living Wage campaign update: Ashwini Jaisingh and a fellow Georgetown student reported on the upcoming big rally set for Friday 3/31
- Waste Management/Teamsters 639 update: strike possible as early as 3/31; affects 88 local drivers. Kathleen McKirchy reported on strike prep training session yesterday; asking folks to donate to CSA's strike support

- Laura Chenven reported on April anti-war rally in NYC to protest Administration "lying and dying" and the war's impact on workers and citizens.
- Delegates enthusiastically applauded the 2005 Labor Year in Review slideshow that will screen during the Evening With Labor reception; Chris Garlock thanked delegates for all their support on the line in 2005 and moving into 2006

Community Services

Agency:

- Maryland home buyer program info available
- Union Privilege mortgage program materials available

Reports

- President Williams reported on his recommendation to the Executive Board to rename the Outstanding Citizen Award the Wilhemina Roark Outstanding Citizen Award in honor of this recently-deceased longstanding friend of labor, and to include a \$2,000 award to United Black Fund in her name. Moved and seconded to approve.
- President Williams noted that the upcoming April 29 anti-war demonstration in New York City is consistent with the official position of the AFL-CIO on the war, as passed at last year's Convention; "Every day that passes is a day that takes the lives of working people and detracts from resources for working people."

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

Absent: D Dyer, E Bunn,

Staff: K McKirchy, C Garlock, C Simpson (consultant)

COPE

Craig Simpson

- 3/20 Political Directors meeting this morning focused on voter registration; next meeting set for next month.
- Reported on plans for the Council's 2006 endorsement process
- Candidacy announcement this Thursday by MD District 25 delegate candidate Shirley Thompson, former CWA 2108 Executive Board member.

Reports of Locals

- Mark Sexton, IUOE 99: 70 new members
- Nathan Saunders, WTU 6: local was successful in assisting passage of legislation in the District that will make significant improvements in working conditions for teachers and stu-

dents. Bill included \$3 billion for school construction, so it was good for the building trades too.

- Avis Buchanan, AFGE 2782: have slowed but haven't stopped Bush Administration attempt to bust federal unions.

- Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU & CWA; reception/fundraiser 3/31 6:45-9P

- Wanda Shelton-Martin: APRI DC; annual dinner dance 4/15 at Washington Navy Yard at 7P, honoring Metro Council President Jos Williams; MD State/DC AFL-CIO President Fred Mason will be guest speaker. Upcoming event in May, too.

- Mackenzie Baris, JWJ DC: 3/7 passed Way To Work bill, providing living wage for District workers; thanks to everyone for their support. President Williams noted that JWJ DC has been a phenomenal ally, pulling together broad coalitions around critical issues affecting working people and doing a consistently excellent job getting the word out and building allies; the Way To Work bill would not have gotten as far as it did without the hard work of our coalition partners.

- Rev Lionel Edmonds, WIN: looking forward to working together on elections and issues in DC; partners together.

Adjourned 7:44P

Cope 50/50 won by Wanda Shelton-Martin