

Delegate's Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

April 17, 2006

*Meeting called to order at 6:40P
by President Williams.*

Dispensed with normal order of business to allow a few speakers to make their presentations.

Janine Brown, CWA discussed the upcoming Walk to Cure Diabetes to be held May 7 at the National Mall. President O'Sullivan of the Laborers International Union is the Labor Chair for this event and has made a \$50,000 contribution to get it started. Materials were distributed and a video was shown about Juvenile Diabetes and the toll it takes on working families, and all were encouraged to put together teams for the event.

Esther Diller from First Choice Mortgage made a presentation on their union member program. Through this program, mortgage and closing costs can be reduced for new home purchase or re-financing existing properties. Staff are members of Teamsters Local 500, and First Choice is the

only unionized mortgage company.

Executive Board Report

All expenditures voted on by the board were moved, seconded and approved:

Teamsters 639 21st Annual Golf Outing, Friday June 23, Lake Arbor Golf Club. \$300 recommended for Scholarship Fund contribution.

Opening Minds (formerly National Conference for Community and Justice and before that National Conference of Christians and Jews) 2006 Dinner at Capital Hilton May 17 honoring among others Barbara Easterling, CWA and Jews United for Justice. \$375 recommended.

- DC CLUW Gloria Johnson Award Luncheon, Sunday May 7 at AFL-CIO, honoring Donna Edwards, MD/DC AFL-CIO and Leslie Jackson, CWA. Half-page ad, \$150 recommended.

- Progressive Maryland, 2006 Annual Gala, Martin's Crosswinds honoring among others UFCW 400's James Lowthers, \$250 sponsorship recommended.

- Ironworkers Local 5 4th Annual Poker Run for Dollars Against Diabetes. Sponsorship \$500 recommended; logo goes on back of official t-shirts

- Washington Building & Construction Trades Council Annual Gold Outing for Leukemia: \$250 tee sign recommended

The Board recommendations to support endorsement of Delegates Sheila Hixson, Gareth Murray and newcomer Tom Hucker in District 20, as well as Shirley Thompson in District 25, and all incumbent Congresspersons with a conditional recommendation for Steny Hoyer until he gets his questionnaire in, were

moved, seconded and approved. These recommendations now go to the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO at its meeting on 4/25.

Community Services Agency

Director Kathleen McKirchy alerted the delegates to the annual Labor-2-Youth Fair to be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel on May 15; flyers to go out soon. Even though Teamsters 639 members have terminated their strike at Waste Management, contributions of cash and food are still needed.

Evening With Labor

Dinner Chairman Fred Allen, GCIU 538C, reported that the event was a success even though it went a bit long. Approximately \$14,000 will be netted from the event. All staff were thanked.

Report of the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO

Secretary- Treasurer Donna Edwards reported on the just-completed legislative session and thanked the locals of the Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO for their strong support and activities in Annapolis, especially Elevator Constructors Local 10, IBEW 26, Operating Engineers 77 and UFCW 400. The session began and ended with veto overrides that were in working families' best interests, including the Fairshare health care bill from last session and the voter rights and public employee collective bargaining bills. She introduced a Labor 2006 staffer assigned to work in our area, Deryk Spooner.

Reports of Local Unions

Denise Lombard from DC Labor for Peace and Justice re-

Present: J Williams, F Allen, R Scott, M Federici

Excused: G Renne, A Smith, M Golash, L Bridges, L Cernak, D Dyer, J Lozupone, J Boardman, C Goldman, J Pappas, G Pinder

Absent: R Herbekian, B Campbell, S Reed, T Ratliff, E Bunn, G Johnson, M Cuttitta, D Reed, S Falwell, N Saunders

Staff: K McKirchy, C Simpson (consultant)

ported on the 4/29 march in NYC against the war and for immigrant and worker rights. Buses will be going up Saturday from DC. The Labor rally is at 11am at 19th Street between Park and Broadway.

Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs With Justice, reported that there will be a "St. Joseph The Worker" Mass the Sunday before May Day at Sacred Heart Church on 16th Street to focus on workers and their issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45P

50-50 was won by Julio Avila, IUOE 99, who donated his \$22 winnings to the Community Services Agency for use with the Teamsters 639 strikers.

Submitted by Kathleen McKirchy for Bob Campbell, Secretary

Delegate Attendance

Avila, Julio IUOE 99
Baxter, Randall AFSCME 3976
Ehrmann, Rick NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario LABORERS 657
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657
Freeman, Jo NWU/UAW 2
Greenhill Sr, Larry IBEW 26
Newman, Elaine NCAUR
Reyes Victor LABORERS 657
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS' JTF
Sexton, Mark IUOE 99
Shields, John WBCTC
Tarlau, Jimmy CWA 2336
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657
PLUS: Josh Ardison, UFCW 1994;
Deryk Spooner, Labor 2006 MD

