

Delegate's Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

June 16, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Jos Williams at 6:35P.

SPECIAL GUEST: Stewart Acuff, AFL-CIO Organizing Director (and former Atlanta Central Labor Council President) spoke on the pending

Delegate Attendance

Adams, John IAM 1759
Buchanan, Avis AFGE 2782
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario LABORERS 657
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657
Freeland, Ronald LABORERS 657
Freeman, Jo NWU/UAW 2
Goldman, Carl AFSCME COUNCIL 26
Horgan, Joseph OPEIU 2
Lowery, Jim IUEC 10
Lozupone, Jerry Washington Bldg Trades
Newman, Elaine NCAUR
Pullium, Mark Mailers 29
Reed, Carnell SEIU 400 PG
Reyes, Victor LABORERS 657
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS' JTF 657
Shelton-Martin, Wanda CLUW
Shields, John Washington Bldg Trades
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2
Stern, Edward AFGE 12
Walker, John AFGE 383
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657
Also attending: Ann Hoffman, NWU

Kentucky River decisions by the NLRB. "Since he was elected, Bush has not missed a chance to cut workers out of the protections of the NLRA, including last year's decision removing graduate students, and – under the guise of homeland security – the Administration's attempt to remove hundreds of thousands of workers from the NLRA, stripping them of their collective bargaining rights. Now comes a series of decisions that could be the most far-reaching since the infamous Taft-Hartley Act. The Kentucky River decisions would redefine our jobs, defining a supervisor as anyone who directs the work of others. Millions of workers would be affected, including hundreds of thousands of healthcare workers who were brought under the NLRA protections after a series of East Coast strikes. The AFL-CIO is organizing a week of actions to demonstrate the kind of widespread opposition that would be sparked by an adverse ruling in the Kentucky River cases. If you're angry about Bush, the NLRB, the DOE, Homeland Security, this is the beginning of the angry season. The local July 13 action being spearheaded by the Metro Council is critical because the NLRB is headquartered in DC, which is why the action will involve civil disobedience by Jos Williams, Board member Sandra Falwell of DCNA and myself."

It was moved, seconded and thunderously approved to fully support the July 13 demonstration at the NLRB.

May Minutes and Financial Reports approved.

Correspondence approved as recommended by the Executive Board:

- APRI 37th Annual Educational Conference 8/16-20 in Detroit. \$500 approved to help fund a student attending.
 - Boilermakers 193 17th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament 7/21 at Twin Shields; \$200 approved.
 - Central Maryland AFL-CIO Council United Labor Dinner 10/4 in Hagerstown; \$150 half-page approved.
 - Progressive Maryland PAC "Backyard BBQ" 7/1; \$100 approved.
 - Other correspondence: thanks from Hilton Washington GM Frank Otero for holding 29th Annual Evening With Labor there; thanks to President Williams for his participation in Roundtable sponsored by Near Southeast-Southwest Community Action Roundtable on Jobs and Opportunity; request by DC NAACP for President Williams to serve on Blue Ribbon Committee to help raise funds for the 97th National NAACP Convention in DC July 15-20.
- UNION CITY
- UFCW 400's Mark Federici reported on strategic national

campaign targeting Smithfield Foods, which has conducted bitterly anti-union campaigns at their plant in North Carolina, where nearly 7,000 workers have been trying to organize a union but have lost two elections. Metro DC is the largest Smithfield market; campaign kicks off this Thursday with a march from All Souls Church to Giant Foods.

- Sara Wallace-Keeshan, JWJ intern, reported on the campaign to switch to union Cingular.
- Union Cities Coordinator Chris Garlock reported on the Gas Can rally scheduled for Friday, 6/30 to draw attention to the impact of high gas prices on working Americans.

COPE

President Williams noted that the various COPE committees are making a number of "no recommendation" suggestions, so there will be a special-called meeting in July to vote on those races.

Craig Simpson, Council Political Consultant, reported that the Executive Board had voted on recommendations for endorsement in the September primaries (see next page).

AFL-CIO Maryland Labor 2006 Coordinator Deryk Spooner and Craig Simpson outlined the planned Labor 2006 program, emphasizing one-on-one contact as the most effective way to generate votes for pro-union candidates.

REPORTS

Mackenzie Baris, DC JWJ, reported on the pending DC Retail Standards Act. A hearing was held on June 19 and UFCW 400's Tony Perez thanked DC JwJ, DCEJC and the Council for helping bring this issue forward. Baris also reported on JWJ DC's annual "I'll Be There" awards on July 13; CSA, WTU 6, the National Capitol Immigrant Coalition and Ed Lazere of the Fiscal Policy Institute will be honored for their work.

Jerry Lozupone of the Washington Building trades thanked everyone for supporting their recent 10K leukemia event and reported that the ironworkers sponsored a Poker Run that raised over \$15,000 benefiting diabetes research.

Dave Rodich of SEIU 500 reported that the NLRB had recently overturned an election in the union's favor, ruling that the election last fall at the National Children's Center had to be re-run.

IUOE 99 reported on recent demonstrations in Rockville.

EJC: Ilana Lipsett reported on a July 7 training session for DC government workers on how to avoid injuries at work and dealing with the disability compensation issue. The City's CFO issued a negative financial impact statement regarding the Injured Worker Protection Act.

Wanda Shelton-Martin, Coalition of Labor Union Women; Thanked President Williams for addressing CLUW the previous Saturday.

DC VOTE: Ann Hoffman gave an update on the campaign for voting rights in the District. The Davis bill moved up with a 29-4 vote and next up is the Judiciary Committee. It was moved, seconded and approved to support and advocate for this bill; President Wil-

iams noted that he's already written to President Sweeney asking for his support.

Gene Pinder, Laborer's District Council, reported that even though as of June 1 the Laborers had pulled out of the AFL-CIO, as far as he's been instructed, everything is status quo.

Meeting adjourned 7:42P

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Campbell
Recording Secretary