

Executive Board Minutes

DRAFT; for approval

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

December 18, 2006

Called to order 4:15P

MINUTES:

November 2006 Council minutes accepted as distributed.

November Council and CSA financial reports received as distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- From Friends of Jim Rosapepe, State Senator, explaining that he has a significant campaign debt and asking for contributions. Recommend \$300; approved.
- From the Martin Luther King Jr DC Support Group asking for participation in their 35th Annual Celebration. Tickets for Fashion Show Luncheon are \$50 each. Ad rates \$150 full page, \$75 half page, \$50 quarter page, \$25 business card. Event is January 15, 2007. Recommend full page ad (\$150); approved.
- Invitation to State Senator Mac Middleton 1/3/2007 fundraiser: recommend \$250; approved
- Request for \$250 to Our Nation's Capitol (President Williams on Board)
- From friends of MD Delegate Rob Garagiola, thanking the Council for its contribution of \$300.

President Williams reported that the Trustees reviewed and accepted the audit of Metro Council finances for 2006. A per capita increase of \$0.02 (effective January-September 2007) earmarked for Community Services Agency is recommended; it's further recommended that Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy be 75% funded by Metro Washington Council (up from 50%) due to Community Service Agency financial situation because of drying up of United Way funds (United Way funding was

\$260K, in recent years the scandal and Hurricane Katrina have decimated these funds; this year it was just \$98K). Also recommended setting up study group to look at Community Services Agency future and long-term funding. Moved and seconded to approve these recommendations. Committee to include Trustees, Merle Cuttitta, Jim Pappas, someone from UFCW 400, Jerry Lozupone.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

Kathleen McKirchy

- Holiday basket program wrapping up today; big round of applause and thanks to everyone who helped, including Teamsters 639 for hosting and Teamsters 96 for getting together 2 vanloads of food/toys
- Bowling tournament fundraiser for Emergency Assistance Fund January 28; team slots open now.
- Baseball ticket deal coming up; early-bird warning. Partnering with Northern Virginia CLC in "Labor with the Nationals" in July. First time ever; we're very excited. Plus Tickets to Troops campaign to benefit Walter Reed Army Medical Center. For every four discounted tickets purchased, one ticket will be donated to those stationed at the Reed Center.

UNION CITIES

Chris Garlock

- Steelworker strike support for strike at Goodyear Saturday 12/16; good turnout, including President Sweeney. Stay tuned for updates on more actions if necessary.

COPE

- Craig Simpson reported that President Williams will be on MD State Controller Peter Franchot's transition team. President

Williams also asked to co-chair task force on MD Dept of Labor Licensing and Regulation.

- Question of getting involved in municipal elections; possibility of getting into races in Takoma Park and Mt Rainier in upcoming special elections; good to start thinking about pros and cons of doing so; will renew at January meeting
- Craig Simpson reported on Maryland general election
- Rick Powell talked about the January 4 Maryland legislative reception from 6-8P, at UFCW 400. Rick also gave an update on Mt Rainier's move to repeal collective bargaining ordinance so that when the police contract (the only unionized city workers) expires next year the town can combine police forces with several other local municipalities. January 4 hearing; final vote January 9. Working with Jimmy Tarlau (CWA), Fraternal Order of Police, etc.
- President Williams will serve on DC Mayor Fenty's transition team. He appointed Rick Powell to housing subcommittee, which recommended last week that public hearings be held during the evening so that working people can attend.

President Williams

- Reminder that Evening With Labor award nominations are due; can be made online or forms can be mailed or faxed in, but there's a Jan. 2 deadline.
- Request from OPEIU 2 and others than the Council endorse the 1/27 peace march at the US Capitol. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
- Recommendation for Constituency position vacancy: Gwend Johnson, CBTU to serve on Board representing Constituency groups. Nominated Faith Jones

*Present: Joslyn Williams; Merle Cuttitta; Sandra Falwell; Carl Goldman; Mike Golash; Jerry Lozupone; Jim Pappas; Gene Pinder; Sonny Reed; Tommy Ratliff; Doris Reed
Staff: K McKirchy; C Garlock, C Simpson, R Powell*

AFSCME 2250 to another vacancy; also approved.

REPORTS

- Sonny Reed, SEIU 400: Our local provided 165 baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving; holiday party this Friday from 2P until ? at SEIU 400 office.
- Merle Cuttitta, SEIU 500: George Washington University has finally stopped appealing results of election 2 years ago. Starting contract negotiations now
- Jerry Lozupone, WBCTC: reported on the Washington Building and Construction Trades Council Holiday party this Friday, 5p at the new electrician's hall.

Adjourned 6P

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