

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

January 22, 2007

Called to order 4:20P

Minutes: 12/18 Council Executive Board minutes approved with the following correction: Trustee Fred Allen was present.

Financial report(s): December Council report received as distributed.

Correspondence

Requests for \$

1. From the DC Primary Care Association requesting annual dues. Association membership is \$600 annually. \$600 renewal approved.
2. From John Hegarty, National President of the Mail Handlers Union, this year's labor chair for the Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes, asking the council to sponsor teams or make a contribution to the event to be held here May 6, 2007. Smallest sponsorship is \$2500 but any amount appreciated. \$300 approved.
3. From United Way requesting the annual Treasury Gift contribution which can be earmarked to the agency of the council's choice. \$2,000 approved (noted that this comes back to Community Services Agency)

Thank You's

1. From Union Privilege, a check for \$200 and letter indicating the Labor Council won the 2006 Annual promotion Contest for best e-mail promotion of their programs. Approved staff recommendation that the award be donated to Community Services Agency's Emergency Assistance Fund.
2. From outgoing DC Mayor Anthony Williams, thanking President Williams for his support as Mayor as well as on a personal level, over his 8 years as Mayor.

Evening With Labor

- Awardees approved as per sheet.
- Accepted recommendation of Evening With Labor Chair that Labor Chorus not be scheduled this year, due to length of program and other factors; the Chorus will be considered again for 2008.

COPE Reports

- Legislative Reception 12/4: Rick Powell thanked Sonny Reed (SEIU 400) for his financial contribution for the reception, along with other affiliates, including host UFCW 400. Good turnout, including Senator Cardin and representatives from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties; more than 60 all together.
- General Assembly/County Council Updates: Craig Simpson reported on Potential Municipal Targets for 2007. Involved in Special Election (1/30) in Takoma Park Ward 5, where -- following an email endorsement last week -- the Council endorsed union member Eric Hensal (Painters District Council 51); Chris Garlock has been coordinating this effort, as he lives in Ward 5. General discussion ensued. Rick Powell reported on upcoming legislation developments in Prince George, including retail standards, PLA, etc. In Montgomery County the moratorium on building permits has implications for the building trades.
- DC City Council Update: Rick Powell reported on latest changes in Council committee assignments; Kwame Brown, chair Economic Development; Carol Schwartz, chair Workforce Development and Government Operations. Outlined plans for labor involvement in Ward 4 & Ward 7

Special Elections; tentative schedule is as follows: 2/22 questionnaires out (online); begin interviews mid-March; make recommendations at March Council meetings, have campaigns up and running by the end of March. If we can turnout 500 people in each Ward, we could determine the winner, but we'll have to do it right, with adequate volunteers & funding.

Union Cities

- Teamsters 639 strike at Quick Way: Chris Garlock updated
- OPEIU 2/Washington Gas: Chris Garlock/Sara Stough (OPEIU 2), updated, circulated info/petition, resolution.
- Anti-war resolution: approved
- 2007 Labor FilmFest update: earliest start ever, have organized several committees and welcome anyone who's interested.

Community Services

- Bowling Tournament: Kathleen McKirchy reported: set for 1/28/07, still have a few lanes available.
- Agency Future Committee: has been set up and will meet after the Council and Community Services Agency move next month.

Economic Development Proposal

- Kathleen McKirchy reported on how labor can use economic development issues to organize, increase density, political clout, etc. How do we bring workers from new development into unions. Billions of dollars of development in projects from DC to Prince George's County to Montgomery County, etc; these will all involve new workers in construction, service etc jobs. Motion approved to support moving forward on this project.

Attendance: Jos Williams, Linda Bridges, Mike Golash, Randolph Scott, Fred Allen, Sonny Reed, Gwend Johnson, Eric Bunn, Carl Goldman.
Excused: Gino Renne; Dan Dyer; Tommy Ratliff; Archie Smith; Faith Jones
Absent: Roxie Herbekian, Sandra Falwell, Bob Campbell, Lou Cernak, Jerry Lozupone, Mark Federici, George Johnson, Merle Cuttitta, Jim Pappas, Chuck Graham, Gene Pinder,
Also present: Kathy McKirchy, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, Craig Simpson (consultant), Sarah Stough (OPEIU 2)

Reports of Board Members

- Sonny Reed (SEIU 400) reported that Maryland Delegate Veronica Turner has had 2 operations recently; she's home now and recuperating.
- Gwend Johnson (CBTU/CWA): reported on behalf of CWA "Speed Matters" project involving improving high-speed access to the internet. Johnson asked that tonight's resolutions be posted on the Council website for easy access.
- Craig Simpson (on behalf of Mike Golash) ATU 689 vigil for safety at WMATA HQ Tuesday night 6:30P; 11th anniversary of death of Darryl Callan, who died on a snowy night when the auto braking system failed. WMATA hasn't learned the lesson -- see recent deaths -- so ATU 689 is holding vigil to bring this issue forward.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02P