

# Delegate's Meeting Minutes DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

March 19, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:40P

Minutes: February meeting minutes approved as distributed.

Financial report: February financial report accepted as distributed.

## Recommendations of Executive Board

- Newspaper Guild Freedom Fund Award Banquet May 3 at the Hyatt Regency. Ads \$750 full page \$400 half page, tickets \$150 each. 2 tickets recommended at \$300.

- ACORN Financial Justice Center looking for contributions; sponsorships from \$250 - \$10,000. Program provides financial literacy for low-income people. \$250 recommended.

- Committee of Interns and Residents 50th Anniversary celebrated at convention in Philadelphia May 18-20. Ads full page \$1000, half page \$500, quarter page \$250, 1/8

## Delegate Attendance

Ayres, Vance IUEC 10  
Baxter, Randall AFSCME 3976  
Falwell, Sandra DCNA  
Freeland, Ronald Laborers 657  
Geety, Harry IUOE 99  
Hoffman, Ann NWU 2/UAW 1981  
Ingerick, Jessica OPEIU 277  
Lowery, Jim IUEC 10  
Lozupone, Jerry Washington Building Trades Council  
Pullium, Mark Mailers 29  
Reed, Carnell SEIU 400 PG  
Renne, Gino UFCW 1994  
Schneiderman, Saul AFSCME 2910  
Scott, Randolph IBEW 26  
Sexton, Mark IUOE99  
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2  
Walker, John AFGE 383

page \$150 \$250 ad recommended contingent on them re-affiliating prior to the event.

- DC SLAP looking for sponsorships of students to attend a two-day mobilization in Chicago April 13 against McDonald's headquarters. \$75 per student. Recommend sponsoring 2 students at \$150.

- Jews United for Justice Labor Seder April 11 at Temple Shalom, looking for contributions. Metro Council has done \$200 in the past. Recommended \$200.

- Metro Baltimore COPE Dinner honoring Senator Ben Cardin April 25. Ads are \$400 full page, \$300 half page, tickets \$100 per person. Recommended full page ad at \$400.

- DC Vote report, President Williams: 4/16 2:30P rally. Moved, seconded and approved to endorse rally. DC Vote: Ann Hoffman, NWU 2, reported on plans for big rally in April to "free the slaves in DC," and on the prospects for passage of the DC Voting Rights Act, despite last week's declaration of opposition by President Bush. This is about our right to be represented in Congress, just like everyone else in America.

- Recommends endorsing Jimmy Tarlau, CWA, for Mt Rainier City Council and contributing \$300 to his campaign; he's unopposed and has the support of the incumbent. Rick Powell outlined Tarlau stopping Mt Rainier Council from abolishing collective bargaining and coordinating Labor Council support and campaign.

- Recommend delegates authorize the Board to act on DC Ward 4 &

7 endorsements next week

- All actions approved.

## Community Services Agency

(Kathleen McKirchy)  
Baseball 7/20 fundraiser "Labor Nights with the Nationals" - co-sponsoring with Northern Virginia Central Labor Council -- for Community Services Agency; fun event. Baltimore does this every year with Orioles and it's very successful. Tickets are \$6, \$1 goes to Community Services Agency.

## Evening With Labor

(Kathleen McKirchy/Fred Allen)  
- 64 pages sold in adbook  
- 830 tickets sold so far  
- proposing to have all speeches and awards first, then have dinner/dancing  
- Fred Allen, GCIU 538-C, reminded Board that Evening with Labor is this Saturday, still time to get tickets

## UNION CITIES

(Chris Garlock)  
- OPEIU 2: Linda Bridges, OPEIU 2, discussed dispute with SheetMetal Workers International Association, subcontracting dues office & jeopardizing retirement of a number of members there. Membership has decided to take this dispute public this Sunday at Building Trades conference at Hilton; Washington Gas anti-outsourcing campaign to Accenture continues; went to annual meeting recently in force. Opposing rate increases in DC and Virginia; seeking injunction.

- AFSCME 2910/Library of Congress update: over 200 emails already sent, no progress yet. Saul Schneiderman, AFSCME

2910, reported on Campaign for Justice & ongoing disputes with Library of Congress management & James Billington.

- Labor Seder: April 11; see website for details; Ilana Lipsett, D.C. Employment Justice Center/Jews United for Justice, gave report and also discuss Paid Sick Leave Bill door-knocking campaign.

- UFCW 400/Smithfield action: 3/21 11A grand opening for Prince George's County WalMart (which they demonstrated against last year) Local 400 organizing "Welcome to Prince George's County"; Smithfield action set for 3/31 at Harris Teeter in Virginia; asking Harris to pull Smithfield from their shelves. Location is 600 N Glebe Rd in Arlington.

## COPE

(Rick Powell)  
- Denise Riley, Maryland State & DC AFL-CIO COPE Director, Maryland legislature in session; distributed update on bills they're watching. Urged lobbying where appropriate. Working with other labor councils on strategic planning. Continuing to encourage local candidates: 18 of 35 labor candidates won in 2006. Also looking to get labor folks on boards & commissions. Jimmy Tarlau, CWA, outlined his campaign plans.

## Reports of Board members

- Jim Lowery, IUEC 10: got a new contract early with all signatories for national contract, first time ever it's this early.  
- Ann Hoffman, NWU 2: NCAUR sent 15 members to tonight's lobby night in Annapolis

Adjourned 7:25P