

Executive Board Meeting Minutes *DRAFT: For Approval*

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

March 19, 2007

Meeting called to order at 4:18P

Minutes: February meeting minutes approved as distributed.

Financial report: February financial report came late-accepted.

Correspondence

1. American Rights At Work, Dinner April 18 at National Museum of Women in the Arts. Sponsorships \$1000-\$25,000. Tickets \$150 each. No action recommended.

2. 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.

3. Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Dinner May 10, Washington Hilton, Bill Clinton and John Hope Franklin Honorees. Tickets \$250, ads \$900 full page, \$350 quarter page. No action recommended.

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

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

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

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

8. 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.

Total: \$1,550 approved.

Evening With Labor
(Kathleen McKirchy/Fred Allen, GCIU 538-C)

- 64 pages sold in adbook

- 830 tickets sold to date

- Proposing to have all speeches and awards first, then have dinner/dancing

- Kathleen McKirchy reminded Board that Evening with Labor is this Saturday,

still time to get tickets

- President Williams noted that this is an effort to deal with the evening length, which has been a perennial source of complaints. Discussion ensued.

Community Services Agency

(Kathleen McKirchy)

- Baseball 7/20 fundraiser "Labor Night with the Nationals" - co-sponsoring with Northern Virginia 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.

UNION CITIES

(Chris Garlock)

- UFCW (Mark Federici): 3/21 11A grand opening for Prince George's County Wal-Mart (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 Teeter to pull Smithfield from their shelves. Location is 600 N Glebe Rd in Arlington.

- OPEIU 2/Washington Gas (Dan Dyer): anti-outsourcing campaign to Accenture continues; went to annual meeting recently in force. Opposing rate increases in DC and Virginia; seeking injunction.

Attendance:

Present: Jos Williams, Gino Renne, Roxie Herbekian, Sandra Falwell, Linda Bridges, Sonny Reed, Dan Dyer, Jerry Lozupone, Eric Bunn, Mark Federici, Doris Reed, Gene Pinder, Gwend Johnson, Nathan Saunders, Fred Allen, Randolph Scott

Excused: Lou Cernak, Carl Goldman, Merle Cuttitta, Jim Pappas, Faith Jones

Absent: Bob Campbell, John Boardman, Tommy Ratliff, George Johnson, Chuck Graham

Also Present: Dave Rodich, SEIU 500, Anthony Garland, ATU 689, Kathleen McKirchy, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell

Thanked Council for extensive support to date.

- AFSCME 2910/Library of Congress update: fighting to stop management's attempt to union-bust; over 200 emails already sent, no progress yet

- AFGE 12/Dept of Labor: may be launching employee rights campaign soon, stay tuned

- Labor Seder: April 11; see website for details; Ilana Lipsitt, D.C. Employment Justice Center/JUFJ will report at Delegate meeting.

- 2007 Directory of Affiliates: hope to have draft posted online later this week

- 2007 Labor FilmFest: still confirming dates, reserve ad space by May 1 and save 10%!

COPE

(Rick Powell)

- Prince George's County COPE report: Rick Powell reported on the recent Prince George's County COPE meeting and the meeting with Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson. Outlined plans for revitalizing the labor-community political alliance in Prince George's County, which could then be replicated in other COPEs. The committee 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.

- DC Special Elections, Wards 4 & 7: interviews held last week. Good turnout, decent candidates. DC COPE will meet next week to consider recommendations in these races.

- Updated on Mayor's school plan developments; something is going to pass giving Mayor Fenty control of the schools & question is whether we can win some concessions & support it. Discussion ensued.

- Prince George's County COPE meeting changed to 4/11 10A at UFCW 400.

- Moved, seconded and approved to endorse Jimmy Tarlau, CWA and make a \$300 contribution to his campaign.

- Doris Reed, ASASP, reported on event for Sheriff Michael Jackson at Labor College, which went well and was good exposure for the college and for the Sheriff.

- President Williams reviewed status of DC Special Elections: questionnaires are in and interviews have been

done. Wanted to wait for endorsement decision after Evening with Labor so as not to distract from this event.

Asked Board to request the delegates authorize the Board to act on endorsements next week. Rick Powell reviewed poll Council has commissioned in DC Wards 4 & 7. Discussion/debate ensued.

Reports of Board members

- OPEIU 2: 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.

- SEIU 500, David Rodich: thanked President Williams for supporting 4,000 in-home childcare providers in Maryland fighting for the right to join a union. Testified last week at Maryland Assembly. Work with some of the poorest kids in the state to provide a safe environment. Also thanked Chris Garlock & Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs with Justice, for their help with George Washington University organizing.

- DC Nurses Association, Sandra Falwell: Safe Patient Ratio Bill update. Want to get with Chris Garlock to get DC residents to turn out at next town hall meeting.

- Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), Gwend Johnson: will be organizing Constituency Group meeting sometime in the next month. DC chapter of CBTU held annual Women's History celebration last Saturday, honoring 3 women, Sheila Love, SEIU 722, Shirley Northern, AFGC 3653 &

- DC Vote report President Williams: 4/16 2:30P rally. Moved, seconded and approved to endorse rally.

Adjourned 6:25P