

Delegate's Meeting Minutes DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

May 21, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:31P by President Williams.

New delegates sworn in: Jaclyn Lichter, SEIU Political Director; Dan Dugan, IAFF 36 President; Leslie Richards, NEA UDC Faculty Association President.

April Executive Board minutes accepted as distributed.

April Financial reports accepted as distributed.

Recommendations of Executive Board

- Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO 2007 "Salute to Leadership" honoring Karen

Delegate Attendance

Baxter, Randall AFSCME 3976
Clay, Chuck IATSE 22
Dugan, Dan FIRE FIGHTERS 36
Falwell, Sandra DCNA
Greenhill Sr., Larry IBEW 26
Grossfeld, Jim NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Hershfield, David AFGE 12
Hoffman, Ann NWU/UAW 1981-2
Ingerick, Jessica OPEIU 277
Johnson, Gwend CBTU DC
Jones, Walter AFSCME 2087
Lichter, Jaclyn SEIU 500
Mayers, James Carl NABET 31
Newman, Elaine L. NCAUR
Reed, Carnell SEIU 400 PG
Richards, Leslie UDCFA/NEA Faculty Association
Rodich, David SEIU 500
Schneiderman, Saul AFSCME 2910
Scott, Randolph IBEW 26
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153
Shields, John Washington Building Trades, WBCTC
Tarlau, Jimmy CWA 2336

Others in Attendance: Kathleen McKirchy, Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs with Justice, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, Rivka Burstein-Stern, DC EJC

Ackerman (AFL-CIO Political Director) and Donald Forcino (Central MD President Emeritus) Friday June 15 at the NLC. \$1,000 recommended; 5 tickets and a full-page ad.

- Boilermakers 193 for their 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday July 20. \$200 tee sponsorship recommended.

- From Mike Cavanaugh, Director, OSLA AFL-CIO regarding Jeff Crosby from the North Shore Labor Council whose house was destroyed by fire. Looking for contributions to the "Crosby Family Relief Fund". Jeff serves with President Williams on the CLC Advisory Committee. \$500 recommended.

- From the DC Labor Committee for Peace and Justice asking for a contribution to help defray costs of the Iraqi Labor tour June 2007. \$250 recommended.

- From MD State Senator Anthony Muse requesting participation in an evening reception June 11 at the Oxon Hill Best Western. \$500 recommended.

- From the DC Labor Chorus, requesting a \$200 contribution for their concert benefiting the Dinner Program for Homeless Women at the First Lutheran Church on June 2. \$200 recommended.

- From MD Delegate Dereck Davis requesting participation

in a Birthday Celebration June 6 at Camelot of Upper Marlboro. \$500 recommended.

- From the Central Maryland AFL-CIO Council, requesting a contribution to help them do their annual Labor Day full-page ad in the Hagerstown Herald Mail and the Frederick News-Post reaching 80,000 people. \$100 recommended.

- \$500 recommended for trust fund for IAFF 36 member Michael Holmone Jr, who was murdered recently. **TOTAL: \$3,750**

Moved, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations of the Executive Board.

Other Correspondence

- From Terry Lynch, winner of the Outstanding Citizen Award at our last Evening With Labor: "Dear Josh- I just wanted to tell you how honored and humbled I am by the Metro Council's recognition award. I treasure it as one of the highlights of my career; truly an honor and I will try to live up to it. Thank you"

Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported that:
- due to the increase in local labor news, Union City began publishing daily (weekdays) in mid-April and has received a positive and enthusiastic response from our more than 8,000 readers.
- 2007 Directory of Council

Affiliates just published (distributed copies); updated and reorganized to be more useful. Send corrections to us at streetheat@dclabor.org
- AFGE 12 rally against contracting out at the Department of Labor set for June 6

Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy reported that over 3,000 tickets have already been sold for the July 20 Labor Night with the Nationals; \$1 of each ticket goes to CSA. First event co-sponsored by the Metro and NoVa Councils.

COPE

Rick Powell reported:
- DC Ward 4 & 7 results: The Council endorsed Muriel Bowser in the Ward 4 Special Election and took a "No Position" in the Ward 7 race. Attached for your review is the official certified summary report of the election. Let me note that the polling that we did was on or near the mark for most of the candidates. Michael Brown enjoyed a slight lead among the union members that we polled over Muriel Bowser but we were able to turn those numbers around as a result of our combined phone and labor-to-labor campaign.

During the last two weeks of the campaign we knocked on roughly 500 doors. In addition Precision Communications Inc. made over 2,200 persuasions calls and over 1,100 GOTV calls on behalf of the Council in support of Ms. Bowser. The Council sent out

2,400 pieces of mail to union households in support of Muriel.

Based on previous polling we knew that in Ward 4 union members would be more likely to vote for the labor endorsed candidate. We can say with some degree of certainty that the Metropolitan Washington Council delivered 1,000 union votes for Muriel Bowser, which closed the gap between her and Michael Brown and put her in the lead.

We did not endorse Yvette Alexander in Ward 7 but we feel confident that the Council will be able to have a good working relationship with her. All in all the election developed as we anticipated and we have a winning candidate that is grateful to labor for our support. Thanks to everyone who stepped forward to help.

- Prince George's County: community summit on issues affecting labor and community planned for September.

- Legislative issues currently working on include Paid Sick Leave (DC), Retail Standards (DC), repeal of the Noise Bill (DC) and a Payday Loan Consumer Protection Act (DC). President Williams reminded Delegates that even in this "off year" we expect to be very busy with municipal elections – like Jimmy Tarlau's successful run for Mt Rainier City Council. A hearty round of applause followed for brother Tarlau, who reported that he's already convened a Labor Caucus of Prince George's elected officials.

Maryland/DC State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Donna Edwards distributed the 2007 Legislative Synopsis (a copy will be posted to the Council's website) and also shared the 2007 legislative priorities of the US Chamber of Commerce, a litany of anti-worker activities. State Fed Political Director Denise Riley reminded delegates of the Maryland COPE dinner coming up June 15.

Also, EFCA thank you cards are being mailed out to area union members to send to Maryland senators who are supporting EFCA. Also discussed an upcoming June 13 event on global warming.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATES

- Denise Lombard, DC Labor United for Peace & Justice: reported on upcoming June visit by two Iraqi labor leaders, including the only female labor leader in Iraq. They'll be traveling across the country but the DC visit is the first stop on their trip. Lombard noted that public sector unions are still banned in Iraq.

- Ann Hoffman, NWU 2 & DC Vote: Senate lobby day has been set for June 20 in the morning; all are welcome and more details will be available soon. Also starting a letter-writing campaign to targeted senators in other states.

- Gwend Johnson, CBTU: no meeting this month, as the national convention starts this week in Chicago. Johnson noted that she'll be coordinating a meeting of Council constituency groups before the June meeting, as requested by President Williams.

- Wanda Shelton-Martin, DC APRI: 38th annual APRI Education Conference will be held in Oakland, CA in August.

- Saul Schniderman, Labor Heritage Foundation: Conference on Creative Organizing will be held June 17-19 at the National Labor College. Great way to learn creative new ways to organize and use music, theater, etc. Also, in response to a question about the status of the campaign against unionbusting at the Library of Congress, Schniderman reported that about 500 emails have been sent (thanks in part to the Coun-

cil's eActivist work) to Dr Billington. Check Guild2910.org for latest information.

- Rivka Burstein-Stern, DC Employment Justice Center: updated delegates on the campaign to win paid sick day legislation in DC City Council. Especially need people to testify at upcoming hearings.

Meeting adjourned 7:35P