

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes *DRAFT: For Approval*

## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

May 21, 2007

Meeting called to order at 4:20P

April Executive Board minutes accepted as distributed.

April Financial reports accepted as distributed.

### Correspondence

Requests for Money:

1. From Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, requesting participation in his Annual Bull Roast 6/8 at the Newton White Mansion. Host \$1000, Patron \$300, Sponsor \$150, tickets \$35 each. NO ACTION TAKEN pending review of the Council's voluntary funds.

2. From the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO regarding the 2007 "Salute to Leadership" honoring Karen Ackerman (AFL-CIO Political Director) and Donald Forcino (Central MD President Emeritus) Friday June 15 at the NLC. Sponsorships- Gold \$5,000, Silver \$3500, Bronze \$2000. Tickets \$100 each, ads FP \$500, HP \$300, QP \$150. \$1,000 recommended; 5 tickets and a full-page ad.

3. From Boilermakers 193 for their 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday July 20. Tee or green sponsorship \$200. \$200 tee sponsorship recommended.

4. 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.

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

6. From MD State Senator Anthony Muse requesting participation in an evening reception June 11 at the Oxon Hill Best Western. Guests \$250. \$500 recommended.

7. 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.

8. From Maryland Delegate Dereck Davis requesting participation in a Birthday Celebration June 6 at Camelot of Upper Marlboro. \$250 silver sponsor, \$100 guest. \$500 recommended.

9. 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.

10. From the Friends of Rushern Baker, former candidate for Prince George's County Council, looking for a contribution to erase campaign debt. Tabled.

11. \$500 recommended for trust fund for IAFF 36 member Michael Holmone Jr, who was murdered recently. TOTAL: \$3,750

### Other Correspondence

1. From Terry Lynch, winner of the Outstanding Citizen Award at our last Evening With Labor: "Dear Jos-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](mailto:streetheat@dclabor.org)  
- In response to a query about the latest status of privatiza-

### Attendance:

Present: Jim Pappas, Merle Cuttitta, Jos Williams, Roxie Herbekian, Sandra Falwell, Lou Cernak, Sonny Reed, Carl Goldman, Doris Reed, Randolph Scott, Gwend Johnson, Faith Jones

Excused: Tommy Ratliff, Gino Renne, Linda Bridges, Bob Campbell, Fred Allen

Absent: Nathan Saunders, Chuck Graham, Mark Federici, Jerry Lozupone, Eric Bunn, Dan Dyer, John Boardman, Gene Pinder, George Johnson

Also Present: Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, Kathleen McKirchy, John Shields, WBCTC

tion attempts at Washington Gas affecting OPEIU 2 members, Lou Cernak reported that Local 2's Joyce Putnam recently reported on a meeting with Congressman Davis, who supports free trade (and outsourcing) but expressed concern about non-locals knowing about DC-area gas lines.

### COPE

Rick Powell reported:

- DC Ward 4 & 7 results (see report)  
- 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 the Executive Board that "we made a commitment to working in municipal elections -

like Jimmy Tarlau's successful run for Mt Rainier City Council."

### **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.

### **President's Report**

President Williams, noting the significantly increased workload in the Union Cities and COPE programs, recommended creating a new position to assist the Union Cities and COPE Coordinators. The new fulltime permanent position would cost no more than \$50,000, including benefits. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to authorize the President to move forward with creating the new position.

### **Reports of Board members**

- John Shields, Washington Building and Construction Trades Council, reported on the upcoming Dollars Against Diabetes golf tournament and DAD's Day Run.

- Merle Cuttitta, SEIU 500 reported that she's been re-elected to a 3-year term and that there are ongoing negotiations with George Washington University, the National Children's Center and a unit near Delaware; all slow but moving along. Also, they're hoping for an Executive Order from the Governor on child care. The local had a very successful action recently, the best they've done yet.

- Carl Goldman, AFSCME Council 26: reported on resurrection of Bush administration's attempt to severely

limit worker's rights at the DOD and DHS, when the District Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Administration Friday. "We thought this was a dead issue," said Goldman, who said that the government unions will continue to fight this out. He also noted that he got this news late Friday afternoon and was impressed that the Council was able to get it up on the website - dclabor.org - right away and in Monday's Union City.

- Jim Pappas, CWA 2336: Gearing up for bargaining in 2008 with Verizon; 10% of membership is being brought in for training as a membership army. Noted that Cingular is the only unionized wireless provider and CWA is urging all locals to switch now to Cingular; Verizon wireless is anti-union.

- Sandra Falwell, DCNA: reported on the upcoming Respect Act designed to fix the Kentucky River decision; noted that the Maryland State AFL-CIO had passed a resolution in support and asked that DC consider one as well. Also reported that the Patient Ratio Act is stalled in DC City Council.

- Faith Jones, ACE-AFSCME 2250: negotiations have begun with the PG County School Board. Local just celebrated their 1st annual Volunteer Awards night.

- Sonny Reed: SEIU 400: negotiation session last Thursday with Prince George's County Schools; waiting to hear back.

- Doris Reed, ASASP: The new Prince George's School Board finally responded and rejected just about all the un-

ion's proposals. Also noted that the Board is losing a member and labor will need to identify who we'd like to be on the Board. Also, the single-member Board District bill was vetoed by the Governor. President Williams thanked Ms Reed for setting up a meeting with the PG NEA Executive Director, noting that the Metro Council hopes to bring both the PG and Montgomery NEA locals into the Council soon.

- Gwend Johnson, CBTU: noted that the APRI info in the new directory is for the national APRI, not the DC chapter (Garlock said that this will be corrected in the updated PDF version to be published online).

*Meeting adjourned at 6P*