

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes *DRAFT: For Approval*

## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

June 18, 2007

*Meeting called to order at 4:37 (start delayed due to 16<sup>TH</sup> Street closure)*

President Williams welcomed Dan Duncan, Northern Virginia Central Labor Council & Wanda Shelton Martin, DC A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI).

May Minutes: accepted as distributed.

May Financial report(s): Received as distributed.

### Correspondence

President Williams recommended referring the following items to the Prince George's County COPE for review & recommendations:

- From Maryland Delegate Justin Rose for a fundraiser June 28 6-9P at the American Legion in Greenbelt. Sponsors \$1000, Patrons \$500, Tickets \$250.

- From Prince George's County Council Chairman Camille Exum for a fundraiser June 19 6-9P at Grace's Fortune, Vista Gardens Marketplace, \$500 per person.

- From Maryland Delegate Anne Healey for a breakfast fundraiser held June 13 at the Greenbelt Marriott. Patron \$1000, Host \$500, Sponsor \$250, Guest \$100.

- From Maryland Delegate Melony Griffith for a Birth-

day Breakfast Fundraiser held June 5 at Camelot. Sponsor \$2500, Table \$1500, Host \$500, Friend \$150.

### Other Correspondence

- From Americans for Democratic Action for their 60th Annual National Convention Banquet, June 21 at the Kellogg Center, Gallaudet University. Tickets are \$160 each, contributions in any amount accepted. Recommended sponsoring 4 students \$25 each for a total of \$100, plus 1 ticket for a total of \$260.

- From Friends of Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett for a Birthday Party Fundraiser July 21 at High Point Farm. Adults \$20, family \$35. 5 family tickets recommended (\$175)

- From Maryland Delegate Brian Feldman for a fundraiser June 20 5:30-7P at Café Europa in Bethesda. Host \$1000, Sponsor \$500, Friend \$250, Guest \$100. Tabling until we get a recommendation.

- From Friends of Maryland Delegate Mike Busch for a fundraiser held at Oriole Park on June 11. Sports Legend \$1000, Hall of Famer \$500, All-Star \$250. Recommended \$250

- From Centro Nia for their 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration at the Almas Shrine

on November 2. Sponsorships \$1000, \$500, tickets \$100 each. Recommended \$300.

- Jews United for Justice: matching grant up to \$20,000. Recommended \$250. Total \$1,235.

### COPE Reports

Rick Powell reported:

- Prince George's COPE met last month to continue planning for a community planning summit for September 29, 11A-2P. The meeting focused on the 2,800 people who will work at National Harbor beginning in 2008. Received report from Pat Fletcher, Prince George's County School Board member, on issues regarding the schools.

- The DC COPE meet last week for first time since the DC City Council Special Election. The Retail Standards Act is held up in DC At-Large Republican Councilmember Carol Schwartz's committee. The Paid Sick Leave bill public hearing is July 9 3P. The Noise Law bill is pending in the City Council, which would essentially ban bullhorns at city demos. Will participate in Wednesday June 20 Senate lobby day with DC Vote; we need folks from the E-Board to attend. DC Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells is holding community meetings on community development in wards

### Attendance:

*Present: Jos Williams, Sandra Falwell, Jerry Lozupone, Doris Reed, Gene Pinder, Gwend Johnson, Fred Allen.*

*Excused: Gino Renne, Roxie Herbekian, Bob Campbell, Linda Bridges, Lou Cernak, Sonny Reed, Dan Dyer, John Boardman, Carl Goldman, Tommy Ratliff, Eric Bunn, Mark Federici, George Johnson, Merle Cuttitta, Jim Pappas, Chuck Graham, Faith Jones, Nathan Saunders, Randolph Scott.*

*Guests: Dan Duncan, Northern Virginia CLC, Wanda Shelton-Martin, DC APRI*

*Staff: Kathleen McKirchy, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell*

across the city.

### Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported:

- The EFCA rally is Tuesday, June 19, 2P, Upper Senate Park (Delaware Ave & C Street NE)

- OPEIU Local 2/Washington Gas: Joyce Putnam will be sending in an update this week for UNION CITY!

- AFSCME 2910/Library of Congress: Over 400 letters Library of Congress have been sent thus far.

- Outreach to help build local email/web capability continues: Added 500 ATU 689 members to UNION CITY! list; working with AFSCME Council 26 & SEIU 400 on launching their websites.

- Labor FilmFest: Famed director Ken Loach to kick off

this year's FilmFest! Plus: new dates October 11-14; finalizing film line-up this month (have some excellent possibilities); FilmFest stickers; Program Book ads

President Williams welcomed Dan Duncan, President of the Northern Virginia Central Labor Council and noted that the Metro Council and Northern Virginia Council have been working very closely on a number of different projects, including next month's 1st annual Labor Nights with the Nationals.

### Community Services

Kathleen McKirchy reported:  
- Have already sold over 4,600 tickets for Labor Night with the Nationals and now going for 5,000 by the cut-off date at the end of June. Reminded that the vendors at RFK are now members of HERE Local 25. Gwend Johnson, DC Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), noted that APALA is having their national convention that day and perhaps they'd want a batch of tickets.

- Washington Area Women in the Trades: A partnership between the Community Services Agency, the YWCA, and Wider Opportunities for Women, provides pre-apprenticeship training for low-income women in the area. Classes are 12 weeks. 10 women graduated last week the first class. The second 12 week cycle starts June 25. The graduation ceremony for the 10 women was really moving.

- United Way discovered that they owe Community Services Agency \$92,000 from previous year, which helps put the program in the black for the year. plus they're go-

ing to pay this year's payment up front (about \$84,000), but that's a bit off previous years so we will check with United Way for accuracy.

### AFL-CIO Diversity Conference Report

President Williams reported on last Saturday's conference in Philadelphia. Excellent turnout from the metro area, including board members Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, and Wanda Shelton-Martin, DC APRI. Shelton-Martin talked about the need for expanded funding for constituency groups. Johnson noted that this was one of the few AFL-CIO events she'd been to that was predominantly rank-and-file members, rather than being top-heavy with staff. Noted that diversity is not just about minority and female participation. Overall a good meeting, good crowd, good dialogue; question is where this is going to go. President Williams said that there was lots of good venting but the challenge is finding constructive solutions and finding national consensus.

### Reports of Board Members

- Jerry Lozupone, Building Trades: Building trades raised between \$8-\$10,000 at recent golf tourney; Ironworkers raised about \$14,000 at the poker run for Dollars for Diabetes. Photos & info to be posted on the Building Trades website.

Bricklayers, Local 1 and Sheetmetal, Local 100, have leadership elections coming up this week. 16 summer apprentices recruited last week in DC.

-Gene Pinder, Laborers 657: reported on leadership changes at Laborers Local 657, which is now out of provisional status. Elected An-

thony Frederick and his slate by a large margin. Local intends to be very active and very involved, as they have been in recent years, since the 2 locals were merged. Also reported on his new construction company and his interest in continuing to work with the Metro Council.

-Sandra Falwell, DCNA: UAN conference in Baltimore this Saturday, plus she's involved with Working for America conference. Noted importance of the Metro Council as an important resource that's having an impact.

-Doris Reed, ASASP: good meeting this morning with Superintendent and Congressman Al Wynn, trying to bring union apprenticeships into the school system. Talking about rolling this program out as early as September. Role of the building trades; discussion ensued.

-Discussion of pending immigration bill and the impact on workers, including construction workers and nurses.

*Adjourned 6:15P*