

# Delegate's Meeting Minutes

**DRAFT FOR  
APPROVAL**

## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

**June 18, 2007**

*Called to order 6:39P*

May Minutes: accepted as distributed

May Financial Reports: accepted as distributed

### **Correspondence**

President Williams recommended referring the following 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 Birthday 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. deferred 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 (worth \$750 in double matching grant)  
*Total \$1,235.*

It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the recommended actions

### **Community Services**

Kathleen McKirchy reported:  
- Labor Night at the Nationals: Smashing success thus far. Thought maybe we'd sell 1,000 tickets and are already at 4,600, biggest group sales the Nationals have ever had.

- Washington Area Women in The Trades: graduated first class. 10 graduated and 3 have already been hired. 15 women in next class, which just started today.

- United Way discovered that they owe Community Ser-

vices Agency \$92,000 from previous years, which helps put the program in the black for the year. They're going to pay this year's payment up front (about \$80,000), which has to be checked for accuracy based on our formula.

### **UNION CITIES**

Chris Garlock reported:

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

- Labor FilmFest: famed director Ken Loach to kick off this year's FilmFest! Also, we have new dates October 11-14. Currently finalizing the film lineup this month (have some excellent possibilities); FilmFest stickers; Program Book ads.

- UNION CITY: reminder to keep those news tips and items coming!

### **COPE Reports**

Rick Powell reported:

- Prince George's County COPE met last month to continue planning for 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 met last week for the first time since the DC City Council Special Election. The Retail Standards Act is

### **Delegate Attendance**

Allen, Fred GCIU 538-C  
Garland, Anthony ATU 689  
Clay, Chuck IATSE 22  
Jeter, Roland ATU 689  
Johnson, Gwend CBTU DC  
Freeland, Ronald LABORERS 657  
Buchanan, Avis AFGE 2782  
Hoffman Ann NWU/UAW 2  
Shields, John Washington Building Trades WBCTC  
Lichter, Jaclyn SEIU 500  
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657  
Jeter, Jackie ATU 689  
Greenhill, Larry IBEW 26  
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153  
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657  
Former, Joseph ATU 689  
Richards, Leslie NEA/UDCFA  
Hershfield, David AFGE Council 12

**Others in Attendance:** Jos Williams, Kathleen McKirchy, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, John Brasseux, IATSE 22, Rodney Sewell, Laborers 657

held up in DC At-Large Republican Councilmember Carol Schwartz's committee, working on discharge campaign. The Paid Sick Leave bill public hearing is July 9, 3P. The Noise Law bill is pending in the DC City Council, which would essentially ban bullhorns at city demos (discussion ensued). Will participate in Wednesday June 20 Senate lobby day with DC Vote; need folks from the E-Board to attend. Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells holding community meetings on community development in wards across the city.

- Denise Riley, Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO COPE Director: Thanked everyone who to the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO COPE dinner last Friday, it was a great success. Congressman Steny Hoyer did a great job filling in for the Governor of Maryland at the last minute. Denise also reported that she went to Guatemala on the STITCH delegation recently; she'll be writing up a report and highly recommends that others go in the future. They met with oldest banana worker union in the world (been around for 60 years). Cited some great recent political wins in Maryland: fighting moving postal facility from Cumberland, Maryland and won. Tom Perez, Maryland Secretary of Labor, helped end forced overtime situation on the Eastern shore of Maryland. Major project on BRAC realignment; 40-60,000 new defense jobs coming into Maryland, including in Aberdeen Proving Ground. Need to make sure these are union jobs and Maryland workers. President Williams paid special tribute to the National Labor College and staff for an excellent job at the COPE dinner.

#### **Reports Of Local Unions**

- Anthony Frederick, Laborers 657: has the AFL-CIO donated to the MLK Memorial? President Williams: Yes, the national is coordinating such an effort

- Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: Has just finished negotiating with the Ford and Strathmore theatres and won excellent contracts at both facilities.

- Larry Greenhill, IBEW 26: Maryland State Democratic Central Committee held their elections at our hall Saturday, elected new chair. Michael Cryor seems good for labor.

- Jackie Jeter, ATU 689: Six flags fun day on July 14. Tickets available. Thanked Chris Garlock for helping collect email addresses of members at recent union meetings, and for the recent article on the union in UNION CITY.

- Ann Hoffman, DC Vote: reported on upcoming Senate lobby day.

- Wanda Shelton-Martin, DC A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI): National education conference coming up in Oakland, CA

- Gwend Johnson, DC Coalition of Black Trade Unionists: convention supposed to be web-cast; putting together meeting of the Labor Council's constituency groups, hopefully in July.

-Larry Greenhill (trustee, APRI): Selling raffle tickets for youth component of APRI

- Jackie Jeter, ATU 689: Discussed attempts by legislators in Virginia to cap transit worker pay (HR 401). President Williams encouraged the local to take a strong unyielding stand; "this is an assault on the middle class that union wages built."

- Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: Any interest in the council endorsing HR 676, universal healthcare legislation. President Williams said that it's really a national issue and while the AFL-CIO

doesn't have a problem with Central Labor Councils endorsing, we have decided that since it won't matter if we pass such a resolution, we'll put our energy elsewhere.

- Maryland 20th District Delegate Tom Hucker: Delighted to finally be able to come back and tell you how much your support meant; so many locals around the table; it was the Metro Washington Council that put me in the Maryland General Assembly and I can't wait to do what I can to help all of you. If you hadn't put me there I wouldn't have been able to write the first statewide living wage bill (applause); we're still figuring out what it means, but over 50,000 workers will be getting a raise. Has also left his job as Progressive Maryland Director to take a full-time position as Political Director for Laborers Local 657, so let me know if there's anything I can do in that capacity. Also encouraged more union members to run for office, as he did.

*Meeting adjourned 7:34P*