

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes *DRAFT: For Approval*

## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

October 15, 2007

*Called to order 4:19P*

September Minutes: Moved, seconded to adopt. Approved.

September Financial Report: Received.

### Correspondence

- Boilermakers 193: Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 17 at Martin's West. Tickets \$75 per person/\$750 table; Honor Roll of Patrons \$100 goes directly to the scholarship. (\$100 Patron)

- UFCW Minority Coalition: Ninth Annual Ball on Saturday, November 10 at the Washington Court Hotel. Special Tribute to retiree Don Cash. Tickets \$250 each; Full page \$1200; Half page \$800. (\$300)

- Maryland Senator Rob Garagiola: Fundraiser on Saturday, October 20 at the Smokey Glen Farm. Sponsor \$1000; Patron \$500; Tickets \$250. (\$100)

- Maryland Delegate Veronica Turner: Reception on Thursday, October 18 at the Oxon Hill Best Western. Patron \$500; Sponsor \$250; Guest \$125. (\$500)

- Progressive Maryland: 2007 Awards Gala on Thursday, November 15 at the Naval Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, MD. Tickets \$125/\$1250 table. (Up to \$500)

- DC Councilmember Marion Barry: Constituent Services Fund Event at Bernard Demczuk's House. Any amount. (Up to \$200)

- East of the River Clergy Police Community Partnership: Annual Gala on Thursday, November 8 at Ft. McNair. Sponsorships \$20,000- \$5000; Would take contributions. (No recommendation)

- NAACP: Dinner honoring Executive Board member Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU. (2 tickets & half-page ad)

### Other Correspondence

- From Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, thanking the Council for its contribution of \$175 and looking forward to working together to meet his goals for the County

- From the Alliance for Retired Americans, thanking the president for his welcoming remarks and assistance as opening chair for the 2007 Legislative Conference

- From Avis Buchanan, AFGE 2782, thanking the Council for its kind expressions of condolence upon the recent death of her mother.

### Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy reported: - 12th Annual CSA Emergency Assistance Fund Golf Tournament: Raised \$19,000 for the Fund

- United Way/Combined Federal/DC One Fund Campaigns: Available to address meetings anytime, anyplace; call 202-974-8221 to set up a meeting.

- Washington Area Women in the Trades program: McKirchy screened the short video about the program, which was also shown extensively at the Labor FilmFest.

### Union Cities

Chris Garlock reported: - 2007 DC Labor FilmFest: Filmfest screened over 30 films at 8 venues and was attended by more than 1,500 people (over 300 of whom signed up for UNION CITY!), the most ever.

### COPE

Rick Powell reported: - DC COPE: Upcoming legislation in the DC City Council includes Paid Sick and Safe Days Act, Large Retail Accountability Act, and Noise Bill. Also Reported on attempt by the school Chancellor to reclassify central administration workers as "at-will" employees. Not only is it our duty as a movement to protect all workers, whether or not they are union-represented; additionally, the Chancellor and the Mayor have made it clear that the unionized teachers will be next. President Williams will be calling a meeting of those unions affected. Extensive discussion ensued on the reclassification attempt.

### Attendance:

**Present:** Jos Williams, Gwend Johnson, Lou Cernak, Sonny Reed, Roxie Herbekian, Eric Bunn, Merle Cuttitta, Nathan Saunders, Randolph Scott.

**Excused:** Linda Bridges, Sandra Falwell, Gene Pinder, Bob Campbell, Carl Goldman, Eric Bunn, Mark Federici, George Johnson, Chuck Graham.

**Absent:** Fred Allen, Faith Jones, Doris Reed, Jim Pappas, Tommy Ratliff, John Boardman, Jerry Lozupone, Dan Dyer, Gino Renne, George Johnson.

**Guests:** Tony Perez (UFCW 400), Anthony Garland (ATU 689).

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

- Prince George's COPE: Reported on the attack by Prince George's Democratic Central Committee (PG DCC) Vice-Chair Arthur Turner on Tony Perez and UFCW 400 over their opposition to Wegmans. President Williams is sending a very strongly-worded letter to the PG DCC warning them that the Council will withhold support for the PG DCC until they resolve labor's concerns about the attacks on Local 400 and Tony Perez. Also reported on the Prince George's Community-Labor Summit set for this Saturday, October 20. The Summit will focus on the impact of National Harbor on jobs, training, traffic, and transportation. Also reported that PG COPE recommended the endorsement of Mark Cook, who's running unopposed in College Park for the City Council. Moved and sec-

ended to endorse Cook. Approved.

- There was also a brief discussion on plans for political activity and field operations in 2008. President Williams reported that the Council is working closely with the Northern Virginia Central Labor Council on their get-out-the-vote efforts for the upcoming critical elections on November 6.

fication of central office employees and its potential impact on teachers (see DC COPE report above).

*Adjourned 6:19P*

**Reports of Board Members**

- Lou Cernak, IUOE 99: Suggested other places to show the WAWIT video.

- Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU & Constituency Group liaison for the Metro Council: Constituency groups meeting update; asked support for constitutional amendment allowing Vice President for each constituency group (rather than one to represent all of them), to permit all the groups to be represented at the Maryland State/DC AFL-CIO. The next constituency groups meeting is October 27. Also reported on the DC Coalition of Labor Union Women Women's Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, November 10 at the AFL-CIO and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance luncheon coming up. Finally, reported on the national constituency groups gala scheduled for November 28.

- Tony Perez, UFCW 400: Thanked President Williams and Rick Powell for rapid response on the attack on Tony and UFCW Local 400 by the PG DCC (see Prince George's COPE report above).

- Nathan Saunders, WTU 6: Thanked the Metro Council for its support on the reclassi-