

Delegate's Meeting Minutes

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Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

October 15, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:36P

September Minutes: Approved as distributed.

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 Raggiola: 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. Jos Williams called it a "Signature piece for the local labor movement, magnificent, add it to your calendar for 2008! It's been an eye-opener for me as I've seen films about labor struggles around the world; a window into labor movements around the world."

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 calling a meeting of those unions affected.

- 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

Delegate Attendance

Buchanan, Avis AFGE 2782
Cernak, Louis IUOE 99
Clay, Chuck IATSE 22
Eitches, Eddie AFGE 476
Ferrufino, Ruben Dario Laborers 657
Frederick, Sr., Anthony Laborers 657
Freeland, Ronald Laborers 657
Freeman, Jo NWU/UAW 1981 2
Gaines, Riley IBEW 26
Garland, Anthony ATU 689
Greenhill, Sr., Larry IBEW 26
Hoffman, Ann NWU/UAW 1981 2
Hogan, George IBEW 26
Ingerick, Jessica OPEIU 277
Jeter, Jackie ATU 689
Jeter, Roland ATU 689
Johnson, Gwend CBTU DC
Lichter, Jaclyn SEIU 500
Lowery, Jim IUOE 10
Murphy, Michael IUOE 99
Newman, Elaine L. NCAUR
Perez, Tony UFCW 400
Reed, Carnell SEIU 400 PG
Reyes, Victor Laborers 657
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2
Warrick, Gerald Laborers 657

Others in Attendance: Jos Williams, Kathleen McKirchy, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs with Justice, Karen Minatelli, DC Employment Justice Center, Pamela Wilson, Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO, Denise Riley, Maryland State/DC AFL-CIO, Sam Epps, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East MD/DC division, Rachel Pope, DC ACORN

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 seconded 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.

Reports

Karen Minatelli, newly-appointed Deputy Director of the DC Employment Justice Center: Reported on the status of the DC Paid Sick Leave bill; concerned that there will be some last-minute changes that negatively affect the bill. Rally November 6 8:30A; plus postcard campaign to DC Councilmember Carol Schwartz.

- Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs with Justice: Expanded on the retail standards bill issues and strategy to get the bill moved. Working to redraft and get to a different committee where it can get moved. Also reported on the DC JwJ "I'll Be There" Awards on November 8.

- Denise Riley, Maryland State/DC AFL-CIO Political Director: Reported on upcoming COPE Convention on November 2 (since meeting, convention has been rescheduled to November 27).

- Jackie Lichter, SEIU 500: Reported on children's healthcare vigil Tuesday October 16 at 5P on Capitol Hill. Reported on 80% yes vote for unionizing 5,900 new members (applause), childcare providers; bargaining begins soon. Working on municipal election with UFCW 1994 in an informal labor/community group to elect progressive candidates in city of Gaithersburg to protect worker rights and immigrant rights.

- Chuck Clay, IATSE 22: Thanked SEIU 500 for their tribute to one of their fallen members; thinking about trying to get project labor agreement with LiveNation; proud to announce that IATSE 22, for the first time in its history has purchased a building in DC and looks forward to moving in soon.

- Jackie Jeter, ATU 689: Thanked President Williams for testimony at Council on assault bill to protect transit workers

- Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU & Constituency Group liaison for the Metro Council: Update on constituency groups meeting, following up on AFL-CIO call for diversity.

- Pamela Wilson. Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO: Reported on the upcoming "Unembedded" photo exhibit being shown at the AFL-CIO from November 4-8; opening reception Monday, November 5 at 6P. The exhibit explores the impacts of the Iraq war from the perspective of four "unembedded" journalists.

- Rachel Pope, DC ACORN: Reported on the 23rd anniversary banquet on November 19, honoring Roger Newell and Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs with Justice.

- Sam Epps, 1199SEIU United

Healthcare Workers East, MD/DC Division: Reported on the current Greater SE Hospital situation. Also reported that Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley has called a special session on the budget revenue gap. Asked where the Council and/or Maryland State/DC AFL-CIO stand? Denise Riley, Maryland State/DC AFL-CIO commented "That'll be decided at the upcoming legislative conference on November 2.

Adjourned 8P