

Delegate's Meeting Minutes DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

December 17, 2007

Called to order 6:53P

New delegates: Joe Kahraman, Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild and Valerie Matthews-Monroe, CWA 2336, were sworn in.

November minutes approved as distributed.

Delegate Attendance

Cherry, Melvin IBEW 26
Collins, Cynthia SEIU 400
Dixon, Vanessa Doctors Council of DC
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario Laborers 657
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657
Freeland, Ronald Laborers 657
Gaines, Riley IBEW 26
Greenhill, Larry IBEW 26
Hogan, George IBEW 26
Ingerick, Jessica OPEIU 277
Jeter, Jackie ATU 689
Jeter, Roland ATU 689
Lewis, Lynette AFSA
Lichter, Jaelyn SEIU 500
Lowery, Jim IUEC 10
Murphy, Michael IUOE 99
Newman, Elaine L. NCAUR
Pullium, Mark B. MAILERS (CWA 14-201) 29
Reed, Carnell SEIU 400 PG
Reyes, Victor LABORERS 657
Richardson, David AFGE 12
Schneiderman, Saul AFSCME 2910
Scott, Randolph IBEW 26
Sexton, Mark IUOE 99
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2
Warrick, Gerald Laborers 657

Others in Attendance: Jos Williams, Kathleen McKirchy, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, Andy Richards, Mackenzie Baris, DC Jobs with Justice

November financial report approved as distributed.

Correspondence

- \$500 recommended for Georgetown University student proposal to fund "Sweatshops at Home and Abroad" class. (\$500)
- \$250 recommended for Comptroller Peter Franchot's recent 60th birthday party event.
- \$200 recommended for Jews United for Justice annual membership drive. (\$200)
- \$500 recommended for DC Fiscal Policy Institute support for "Research That Matters" to DC residents. (\$500)
- Recommended endorsements of Al Wynn, Steny Hoyer and Chris Van Hollen in the upcoming primaries.

All Actions Approved.

Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy reported:
- The annual Bowling for Gold tournament will be held 1/27; registration forms for the 16th annual event are now available. Benefits CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund.

Union City

- Chris Garlock introduced Sara Wallace-Keeshan and Jack Mahoney, Georgetown students who have put together a visit to the Dominican Republic to look at working conditions during their spring break in 2008. Wallace-Keeshan thanked the Council for its financial support and said they'll be reporting on the

project in UNION CITY.

- Connect DC: CWA 2336's Jim Pappas reported on this project to bring high-quality internet connections to DC. Recently testified at the DC Council. Announced campaign to collect stories of residents who have problems.
- Chris Garlock reported that the SEIU 32BJ contract for nearly 10,000 area janitors is now being negotiated; stay tuned for details.

COPE

Rick Powell reported:
- DC COPE: Paid sick leave bill was marked up today in Councilmember Carol Schwartz's committee; some changes but we're supporting it. It is now called the Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act; if passed, DC would be just the second city in the country to have this kind of legislation. Kudos to the Employment Justice Center and DC Jobs with Justice for their leading roles in getting this passed.
- School Reform: Chairman Gray came out with a worse bill than the Mayor's bill. Need to take action immediately.

Reports of Local Unions

- Laborers 657: passed around info on their campaign to promote project labor agreements and their website, webuildtthestadium.org.
- Gwend Johnson, Coalition

of Black Trade Unionists-DC: Thanked everyone for contributions to the shoebox project: 110 boxes assembled for So Others Might Eat.

- Saul Schneiderman AFSCME 2910: Thanked CBTU-DC for providing the food for the delegates. President Williams also specifically acknowledged Gwend Johnson, of CBTU-DC, for making and providing the food.

- Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981: Reported on passing the of Susan Holleran, who was an active Coalition of Labor Union Women member and was a past executive board director of the old labor agency. A moment of silence was observed.

- Merle Cuttitta SEIU 500: Settled contract covering 1,200 part-time faculty at George Washington University, with full union rights and significant raises. Also hope to settle contract covering 400 workers at the National Children's Center, 3%/year increase for 3-year contract, with full union security.

Adjourned 7:28P for a special holiday performance by the DC Labor Chorus.

50/50 raffle won by Mike Murphy, IUOE 99.