

Delegate's Meeting Minutes DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

April 21, 2008

Called to order at 6:45P

- Washington Building and Construction Trades Council (WBCTC) Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lozupone announced that he's leaving his post at the WBCTC and returning to IBEW 26. Lozupone ex-

Delegate Attendance

Allen, Fred GCC/IBT 538-C
Ayles, Vance WBCTC
Baxter, Randall, AFSCME 3976
Cernak, Louis IUOE 99
Clifford, Eamon IUOE 99
Coles, Mark IRONWORKERS 5
Collins, Cynthia SEIU 400 PG
Dixon, Vanessa DC Doctors Council
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario Laborers 657
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657
Freeman, Jo NWU/UAW 1981 2
Gaines, Riley IBEW 26
Geety, Harry IUOE 99
Goldman, Carl AFSCME Council 26
Graham, Chuck IBEW 26
Green, Gerald SEIU 400 PG
Greenhill, Larry IBEW 26
Holmes, Trent SEIU 400 PG
Ivey, James AFSCME 2091
Johnson, Gwend CBTU-DC
Johnson, George AFSCME Co. 20
Kahraman, Joe News. Guild 32035
Limes, Roosevelt SEIU 400 PG
Lowery, Jim IUEC 10
Newman, Elaine L. NCAUR
O'Neal, Earl AFSCME 2091
Pappas, James CWA 2336
Pullium, Mark B. CWA 14-201
Putney, Richard ACE/AFSCME 2250
Reed, Sonny SEIU 400 PG
Reed, Doris ASASP
Reyes, Victor LABORERS 657
Richardson, David AFGE 12
Rodich, David SEIU 500
Schniderman, Saul AFSCME 2910
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS 657
Shelton-Martin, Wanda APRI-DC
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2
Waller, James UFCW 1994
Waller, Gregory IBEW 1900
Weathers, Hugh ASASP
Williams, Sybil AFGE 2876

Others in Attendance: Jos Williams, Chris Garlock, Rick Powell, Kathleen McKirchy, Denise Riley (Maryland State/DC AFL-CIO)

pressed his thanks for the Metro Council's support over the 7 years he's headed the WBCTC, and that he'll continue to be an active part of the local labor community. President Williams said "the Council appreciates Jerry's long-time support and dedication and we look forward to continuing to work together."

New delegates sworn in

Vance Ayres, WBCTC; Mark Coles, Ironworkers 5; Hugh Weathers, ASASP; Roosevelt Limes, SEIU 400; Gerald Green, SEIU 400; Trent Holmes, SEIU 400.

March Minutes: approved as distributed.

March Financial Report: approved as distributed

Correspondence

- Ward 7 Democrats 5th Annual Lorraine H. Whitlock Dinner, April 25, 7:00 PM @ St. Lukes Catholic Church: \$400 table of 8

- Shaw Junior High Town Hall Meeting: *no action*

- DC Appleseed Annual awards dinner, May 15th: *no action*

- Avis Buchanan Farewell Committee Retirement Celebration, May 9th, \$200 (4 tickets)

- Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) Annual Gloria Johnson Awards Luncheon,

April 27: \$250 4 tickets, 1/2-page ad

- Community Teachers Institute-Partners with Purpose 2008 Awards Dinner, April 12: *no action*

- National Elevator Industry Educational Program: IUEC 10 celebrating Graduation Class of 2007, May 17: \$250 1/2-page ad

- Friends of George Leventhal Honoring councilmember on April 2, (*this request was carried over from last month*): \$250

- Roofers Local 30 27th Apprenticeship Graduation Dinner, May 9: \$250 1/2-page ad

- Union Plus – Union Privilege Help AFSCME Council 20-Local 2921 member Maureen Brooks achieve a Habitat for Humanity home: \$200

- Greater Fort Foote Area Recreational Cultural & Historical Council Benefit Golf Tournament Monday, May 12: \$500 1/2-page ad

- United Black Fund of Greater Washington: June 5 Calvin & Wilhelmina Roark Scholarship Luncheon: \$1,200 table of 10 full-page ad

- Health Care for All May 14 fundraiser: *no action*
Total: \$3,800

- AFL-CIO thanks president

Williams for his significant role in the Northeast CLC/ALF and State Federation Conference at the National Labor College in March.

- District of Columbia Primary Care Association (DCPCA) thanked the Council for the \$500 membership fee renewing its support of the DCPCA's mission to improve healthcare for all District residents.

- Our Nation's Capital thanked the Council for its contribution.

- Prince George's County COPE: General election April 29 to fill the open Prince George's County Council seat of David Harrington, who recently won election for Maryland State Senate: the Prince George's County COPE recommended endorsing Andrea Harrison for the 5th Councilmanic seat. Delegates moved, seconded and unanimously approved recommendation of Harrison. The Executive Board also recommended a \$500 contribution to the Harrison campaign; moved, seconded and approved. Rick Powell, Metro Council COPE Coordinator, reported on the ongoing dispute between labor, the Prince George's Democratic Central Committee (PGDCC) and the Maryland State Democratic Central Committee (MDSGCC). Extensive discussion ensued. Reported that the Executive Board approved the tabling of a resolution put forth by AFSCME 2250 and the Prince George's COPE calling

for a labor picket during the MDSGCC's upcoming convention. It was then moved, seconded and approved to:

- strongly condemn the recent actions and behavior of the PGDCC;

- authorize the Metro Council President and Co-Chairs of the Prince George's County COPE to engage and discuss this matter with the MDSGCC with a view of coming up with an appropriate action to meet the concerns of organized labor;

- Further, that this matter be brought back to the Board with a report and that;

- in the meantime the Metro Council urge all affiliates to continue to withhold any contributions to Prince George's elected officials, and that an open letter to this effect be distributed at the upcoming May 3 MDSGCC convention at IBEW 26. Discussion ensued. Resolution unanimously approved.

Community Services Agency
Executive Director Kathleen McKirchey reported:

- Labor Nights at the Nats July 11; tickets now available; nearly 2,000 sold already (including 1,000 to Iron 5, who will throw out the first pitch).

- Annual golf tournament fundraiser set for 9/29.

Evening With Labor

Chair Fred Allen reported that the 31st annual Evening was again a success. He distributed a preliminary report showing \$122,175 income and \$106,518 expenses, netting a projected \$15,657. "The event was well-attended and for the first time we actually concluded ahead of schedule."

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- The upcoming May 9 website workshop for locals considering getting a website.

- 2008 DC Labor FilmFest set for October 9-12; new monthly screening series has conducted 8 screenings for over 300 people, including last week's screening of Mother Jones at the Department of Labor to over 100 members of AFGE Local 12.

- Suggestion by delegate Randy Baxter, AFSCME 3976, to consider organizing a labor job fair in connection with the popular Hiring Hall postings in UNION CITY.

COPE

Coordinator Rick Powell reported:

- DC Noise Bill: Councilmember Tommy Wells introduced bill that could have effectively shut down union demos with bullhorns; we opposed this strongly in hearings, at which only 2 testified in favor. Thought we had killed the bill, but last week lost support of Council Chair Vincent Gray. Compromise that would protect labor concerns has been agreed to; new bill allows bullhorn in any protest 7A-8P anywhere in city, unless exceeds 70 decibels when measured inside nearest residence. This will probably not interfere with our usual activities, but it is a change from existing law. Comes up for a vote 5/6.

- Montgomery County: Nancy Navarro race for the Montgomery County Council was a disappointment; we felt good going in but lost by 340 votes. We identified 879 members supporting Navarro but where things broke down was figuring out how to get our voters out, with only 23% actually voting. Need to develop strate-

gies on how to get the vote out once we ID our voters.

- Tri-County COPE to meet tomorrow night.

- Denise Riley, Maryland State/DC State Fed Political Director reported on endorsed candidates and a lot of work planned in the Maryland State 1st and 6th districts. All 5 Central Labor Councils have now done AFL-CIO healthcare "Turn Around America" meetings. Asking all locals to establish local Labor 2008 contacts in preparation for Labor 2008 campaign later this year. May 17 National Walk for Healthcare in 1st Congressional District; details to follow. State Fed COPE dinner June 20 at Martin's West. International Workers Day celebration May 1st at the National Labor College. Coalition of Labor Union Women luncheon this Sunday, April 27. Two Worker Memorial Day events coming up on 4/28; she'll get us details.

Reports of Locals

- CWA 2336, Jim Pappas: update on activities supporting Verizon workers. Connect DC campaign to bring fiber optics into the District and keeping the quality of service up.

- IUEC 10, Jim Lowery; thanked the Council for contribution to upcoming first annual apprenticeship dinner. Also reported success organizing a small non-union elevator cab company (Ted Turner company, no relation to TV mogul), "so we now have 3-4 union elevator cab companies." Also thanked IATSE Local 22 for putting some of Local 10's unemployed members to work.

- IUOE 99, Harry Geety: big organizing victory at Walter Reed hospital of the subcontractors brought in after last year's scandal; also recently rejected bad offer by Washington Post. Joe Kahraman, News-

paper Guild, reminded delegates that the Walter Reed Washington Post article authors -- who are Guild members -- won Pulitzers for their reports.

- SEIU 500, Dave Rodich: campaign to organize 1,000 part-time faculty at Montgomery College is a good example of what happens when allies deliver. Montgomery County Councilmembers Valerie Ervin and George Leventhal have been incredibly persistent in supporting the workers, including leading an effort to bar the college from using public funds to fight the union. Friends at AFSCME helped organize student support and a week ago the administration bowed to pressure and took a neutral position on the union election. "We hope to have a vote within the next week or so and be able to announce 1,000 new SEIU 500 members. Also won a contract at George Washington University, including significant increases in pay, increasing pay from \$2,400 to \$3,700 per course.

- IBEW Local 1900, Greg Waller: thanks for support for prevailing wages and support in Virginia as well, especially Dan Duncan of the Northern Virginia Central Labor Council.

- Gwend Johnson, DC-CBTU and Metro Council constituency group liaison: March 29 annual women program featured a dialogue remembering the legacy of women who have gone before us and those who are with us now. No meeting this month but CBTU convention is coming up Memorial Day weekend.

- Wanda Shelton-Martin, A. Philip Randolph Institute & CLUW member: 2nd annual Walk To Beat The Clock, May 17 fundraiser for HPV and cervical cancer awareness started by an AFSCME sister from

- DC Employment Justice Center, Karen Minatelli; Paid Sick bill signed by mayor and now “we’re making sure funding is there and enforcement will be forthcoming.”

- DC JWJ: Mackenzie Baris; I’ll Be There awards set for 6/12; look for info about the adbook next month. Will be advertising in UNION CITY for nominations for this year’s awardees, the first time we’re doing this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Doris Reed (ASASP) won and donated \$32 to CSA