

Delegate's Meeting Minutes DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

September 15, 2008

Called to order 6:50P.

President Williams welcomed delegates and allies back from the summer recess.

Swearing-in of new delegates; Anna Jefferson, CSO; Ernest Cardwell, WBCTC and Sheet-metal 100.

June minutes approved.

Financial report received.

Correspondence:

Delegate attendance:

Ayres, Vance WBCTC
Baxter, Randall AFSCME 3976
Brasseux, John IATSE 22
Buchanan, Avis AFGE 2782
Coles, Mark IRONWORKERS 5
Collins, Cynthia SEIU 400 PG
Cutitta, Merle SEIU 500
Dixon, Vanessa Doctors Council of DC
Ehrmann, Rick NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Ferruffino, Ruben Dario LABORERS 657
Fields, Daniel SEIU 722
Frederick, Anthony LABORERS 657
Freeland, Ronald LABORERS 657
Freeman, Jo NWU/UAW 2
Greenhill, Larry IBEW 26
Hershfield, David AFGE 12
Hoffman, Ann NWU/UAW 1981 2
Hogan, George IBEW 26
Ingerick, Jessica OPEIU 277
Jefferson, Aona CSO 4
Jones, Walter AFSCME 2087
Lowery, Jim IUEC 10
Newman, Elaine L. NCAUR
Page, John IATSE 22
Richards, Leslie NEA/UDCFA
Rodich, David SEIU 500
Schneiderman, Saul AFSCME 2910
Sewell, Rodney LABORERS 657
Sexton, Mark IUOE 99
Shelton-Martin, Wanda OPEIU 153
Starin, Eric OPEIU 2
Warrick, Gerald LABORERS 657

Requests for money (Executive Board recommendations in parentheses):

- Sheet Metal 100; Killeen Memorial Golf Tournament 9/19 (\$250)
 - DJ Employment Justice Center Labor Day Luncheon 10/2 (\$600)
 - DC Jobs With Justice Together We Stand festival 10/5 (\$50)
 - MontCo Hispanic Democratic Club Annual Hispanic Heritage Month fundraiser 10/6 (\$175)
 - Jews United for Justice Request to join Host Committee for Heschel Vision Awards 10/19 (\$360)
 - DC Vote Champions of Democracy (with Danny Glover) 10/22 (\$1,000)
 - Peggy Browning Fund 10th Law Students Workers Rights Conference 10/17 (received)
 - NAACP MD State Conf Labor Luncheon 10/30 (\$420)
 - Trade Prep Inc CSA program support (\$100)
 - Purple Line Now! support light rail campaign staffing (\$200)
- TOTAL: \$3,155

Thank-You's/Other:

- ILCA: Union City/dclabor.org awards
- Pride at Work: Thank You
- MD Delegate Anne Healey (Dist 22): Thank You for campaign contribution

- Montgomery County Councilmember George Leventhal: Contribution receipt.
- ACE-AFSCME 2250: Thank You for supporting Annual Appreciation Awards Night.
- Central MD Council: Labor Day ad; Thank You
- Boilermakers Lodge 193: Thanks for 7/18 Golf Tourney support .
- Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics Invite to President Williams for conference in Phillipines 10/19.

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

- Golf Tournament in two weeks; still time to sign up to golf or to take ads & tee signs.
- Emergency Assistance Fund: had run out of money but just received \$7,500 contribution from ATU 689, which will keep the Fund going until it's replenished by the Golf Tournament.
- Fall worksite campaigns are underway: United Way, CFC DC One Fund. CSA needs help getting the word out to members that they can designate CSA for contributions.

Union City

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- 2008 Labor FilmFest coming up October 9-14 at AFI
- Better Website trainings were conducted this summer:

- July 23: Social Networking: Laura Packard of the New Organizing Institute on the exciting organizing and communication possibilities of online social networks like MySpace and FaceBook.
- August 20: Introduction to Content Management Systems; Jason Lefkowitz, Online Campaigns Organizer for Change to Win, & Chris Kenngott, AFL-CIO Online Mobilization and Working Families Network Manager
- September 10: Search Engine Optimization, Or, Being Found On Google; Beth Allen of the Communication Workers of America
- Street Heat actions
- APWU demo in Georgetown
- DC public unions City Hall demo
- Union City & dclabor.org website win ILCA awards; Union City wins 1st place in division, while dclabor.org wins Honorable Mention in division. Vance Ayers, WBCTC, suggested setting up FilmFest screenings in Northern Virginia.
- Recognized new Labor Heritage Foundation Executive Director Darryl Moch and Karen Minatelli, DCEJC thanked the Council for supporting the upcoming Labor Luncheon.

COPE

Labor 2008: President Williams reminded delegates there are just 52 days to election and

introduced Mike Cavanaugh from the AFL-CIO who reported that "With so much on the line in this election, the numbers we're seeing for Obama among union members right now not good enough to win" and urged delegates to volunteer for the AFL-CIO phonebank.

President Williams reported on the ongoing campaign to take on DC Mayor Fenty over anti-labor actions and labor's demand for public hearings to air complaints.

Alya Mbamba thanked delegates and affiliates for help during primaries; Laborers 657 alone had 65, plus MARC and locals 722, 26 and 25.

Coordinator Rick Powell reported on the upcoming Tri-County and PG COPE meetings. Also reported on prevailing wage bill passing in Montgomery County.

Reports

IUEC 10; Jim Lowery; leafletting weekly for Obama at worksites.

OPEIU 2: Eric Starin: WMATA negotiations not going well; have demanded arbitration; Eric also has been canvassing in Northern VA and agrees with Cavanaugh's comments; introduced Bruce Wolf, Chair of OPEIU 2 Social Justice Committee, which is organizing a 11/15 concert by Ann Feeney/Charlie King to benefit CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund.

- Newspaper Guild: Rick Ehrmann; Post negotiations starting and we expect things to be worse than ever since the Post just had their first-ever losing quarter. Baltimore Sun contract resolved but big buyout cost Guild a lot of members.

- AFSCME 2910: Saul Schniderman: registered 60 voters at Library of Congress two weeks ago; suggested including voter registration info in Union City.

- IBEW 26: Larry Greenhill; in negotiations with Washington Post for over a year but haven't gotten anywhere.

- APRI; Wanda Shelton-Martin; helping register people and get them to the polls.

- DC VOTE: Ann Hoffman: thanks for supporting 10/22 celebration; update on struggle, fell 3 votes short of breaking Republican filibuster.

Adjourned 8P

George Horgan, IBEW 26 volunteered to run 50/50 raffle and Eric Starin (OPEIU 2) won \$23.