



# Delegate's Meeting Minutes DRAFT

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## Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

October 19, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 6:40pm.

Minutes- approved with two changes.

Financial report- Moved, seconded and adopted to receive the September report.

### Reports

Community Services Agency: Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported on the recent Golf Tournament, which netted \$17,000 for the Emergency Assistance Fund; upcoming holiday baskets; GSA Building Futures update

Union Cities: Assistant Mobilizer Adam Wright reported: DC Labor FilmFest: most well-attended yet, with over 30 screenings, thousands attending and two standing-room only shows (Michael Moore and Office Space) in AFI's 400-seat Theater 1; lots of good publicity, including being selected as Washington Post "Pick of the Week" which called the Labor FilmFest "a jewel in Washington's cinematic crown"; Our blue-card raffle yielded hundreds of new readers for Union City; 2009 program guide available; Supporting effort by ticket-takers and ushers to organize with IATSE; Article on "Putting Labor Films to Work" by Chris & Jon Garlock in this month's Labor Notes (copies available) about how to organ-

ize your own local labor film-fest.

- 2010 Directory of Affiliates to be published soon; will be available at next Council meeting

- Busy Street Heat month since we last met, with more than two dozen demos, picket lines & rallies, including the huge teacher's rally on October 8, one of the largest in recent years, with thousands attending; stay tuned in Union City for upcoming actions!

COPE: Coordinator Rick Powell reported:

D.C. Public Union Campaign; School Layoffs/student protest Maryland: COPE activity in P.G. County, East Campus project on hold, Building Capacity, P.G. Hospital, Tri-County COPE elections and X-mas party, Apprenticeship Program in Charles County Community College, Mont. Co., Building capacity in elections. Jim Lowery, IUEC 10, reported on the Tri-County Holiday Party and that requests for contributions to help defray expenses will be requested by the Metro Washington Council from affiliates. Alya Mbamba reported on the disturbances at DCPS after the firing of 400 teachers and staff and the successful vote at the DC City Council against the confirmation of Mayor Fenty's Parks and Recreation Director who had overseen the closing of child care centers.

### Reports of Locals

Ruth Castel-Branco, DC Jobs With Justice- handed out the latest newsletter, reported that they had helped win \$15,000 in lost wages for some day laborers. They are conducting a series of trainings and the next one is 10/27/09 on mobilizing for direct action.

Vanessa Dixon, DC Doctors' Council- she requested the signing on of a letter from the Congressional Progressive Caucus to President Obama and Congressional leadership by the Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO in support of including a public option in any health care reform legislation.. This was moved, seconded and adopted. She introduced Dr. Ray Brown who talked about the contracting out of health services, especially those covering mental health and substance abuse services, and the dire impact this is having on low-income DC resident. No action was requested at this time but further information will be provided.

President Williams informed delegates of a rally sponsored by the AFL-CIO on Thursday, October 22 at 2:30. All to meet at the AFL-CIO with a march up the block to the Capital Hilton to "welcome" health insurance industry execs who will be meeting there.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

*\$18 in the 505-50 raffle was won by John Cusack, AFM 161-710. FilmFest t-shirts were also raffled off.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle Cuttitta  
Recording Secretary

### DELEGATE ATTENDANCE

Brian Benson, IATSE 22  
John Cusick, AFM 161-710  
Vanessa Dixon, Doctors Council of DC  
Rick Ehrmann NEWSPAPER GUILD 35  
Sandra Falwell DCNA  
Jo Freeman NWU/UAW 2  
Riley Gaines IBEW 26  
George Hogan IBEW 26  
Jessica Ingerick OPEIU 277  
Aona Jefferson AFSA 4  
William Linehan IUEC 10  
Jim Lowery IUEC 10  
Kendall Martin Ironw # 5  
Michael Murphy IUOE 99  
Elaine Newman NCAUR  
Tony Perez UFCW 400  
Carnell Reed SEIU 400 PG  
David Richardson AFGE Council 1  
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910  
BoydWay ATU 689

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