

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

January 25, 2010

President Williams called the meeting to order at 4:06p.

Special Order of Business: *DC Polling Report: Ron Lester & Assoc*

Pollster Ron Lester reviewed his Metro Council poll findings in detail; concluding that "if the Mayor had a strong candidate opposing him, he could be defeated this year." Questions/discussion ensued. Lester recommended doing "opposition research"; 41% Fenty unfavorables are up for grabs. Discussed planned poll in Prince George's County.

Minutes: President Williams noted that the December meetings were canceled due to the blizzard. November minutes approved as distributed.

Financial Report: December 2009 financial report received as distributed.

Correspondence: moved, seconded and approved to make the following recommendations for contributions: TransAfrica Forum: \$125; National Labor College: \$125 (Worker Memorial brick); MLK DC Support Group: \$150; DC Fiscal Policy Institute: \$100; WPFW \$50. AFGE 2741: affiliating with Council; Karen Peek (IAMAW): Thanks for sympathy card; George Snyder Memorial Golf: Thanks for support; NoVA Labor: Thanks for help Diane Babineaux: Thank you

for condolences. President Williams noted that he especially urges the Executive Board and Affiliates to support the Labor College's Worker Memorial project.

Evening With Labor

Kathleen McKirchy reported that this year's Evening With Labor is at the Omni Shoreham again; the date is Saturday March 13. Award criteria and recommendations were distributed for review/discussion. It was moved, seconded and approved to make the following recommendations for awards: Golden Picket: SEIU1199; Organizing Award: IUOE 99; COPE: Bill Grooms (Tri-County) & Johnny Walker, AFGE 383 (DC); Community Service: Mike Murphy, IUOE 99; JC Turner: Faith Jones, AFSCME 2250; Outstanding Citizen: Elbridge James.

President's Report

- will be looking to move February meeting forward because of action items still to be dealt with, including per cap increase and 2010 work-plan review.

- 2010 Census participation; Council is urging/coordination affiliate support

Community Services Agency

Kathleen McKirchy reported: Bowling: annual Bowling for Gold tourney coming up Sunday, can still get teams in. Lots of fun and raises money for Emergency Assistance

Fund.

Holiday basket program: thanks to everyone who helped out. Raised over \$20K in cash and equivalents.

Building Futures Program: pre-apprenticeship training program; will be doing this at least through the end of September and may be extended. Got highlighted in last Friday's Washington Business Journal.

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- 2010 Directory published and being distributed to affiliates, media & politicians: will publish annually from now on
- Union City: hiring part-time intern for 10 weeks, thanks to contribution from Union City supporter.

- Labor FilmFest: 10th annual; acquiring AFL-CIO labor film poster exhibit; hiring part-time intern for 10 weeks, thanks to contribution from FilmFest supporter; co-sponsoring labor video of the year competition with LabourStart.

COPE

- DC poll follow-up: President Williams reminded the Board that it was agreed last fall on the need for polls in both DC and Prince Georges County and that the President was authorized to raise \$50K in contributions to cover the cost of both polls. Worked out agreement with pollster Ron Lester on extended payment plan with the Council. Those

Present: J Williams; D Reed; Sandra Falwell; M Cuttitta; L Bridges; C Reed; C Goldman; G Johnson; D Dyer; A Garland; V Ayres; M Murphy; D Bowman; J Tarlau; F Allen; G Parker.

Excused: Faith Jones; G Renne; C Graham; J Contreras

Absent: M Federici; J Boardman; A Frederick; R Gaines

Also attending: Terry Cavanaugh, SEIU; Jodie Easley, WTU 6; Tony Perez, UFCW 400; Craig Simpson, ATU 689; David Rodich, SEIU 500; Kendall Martin, Iron 5; Earl O'Neal, AFSCME Council 20

Staff: K McKirchy; C Garlock; R Powell; A Mbamba

who have contributed were the first to get results of the poll and that will be same procedure for Prince George's poll. Reviewed process for developing the PG poll.

- Legislative Report:

DC: Alya Mbamba reported on pending bills including: Housing and Economic Development Labor Standards Bill; DC Attorney General Elected Term Amendment Legislation; Grievance Filing Bill; Secure Communities Program; DC COPE Chair Fred Allen reported on the DC COPE Committee review of the OPC Nomination of Vicki Beasley. The Committee recommends that the Council not support her nomination. Moved and seconded to oppose the nomination;

unanimously approved. Merle Cuttitta, Recording

MD: Rick Powell reported that Secretary

the Council will again be convening weekly meetings in Annapolis starting Monday February 1 through the entire session; these are work sessions for those who have bills before the legislature; was very effective last year; also reported on recent meeting with Mike Miller and President Williams to clear the air/turn over a new leaf; 6 labor bills coming up; upcoming Tri-County COPE meeting—Mike Miller to speak.

President Williams recommended meeting the second week in February (instead of 4th Monday) to deal with pressing matters, including the Council's 2010 workplan, budget and per cap increase. Tuesday 2/9 from 12-3P was tentatively set; will confirm via calls/email.

Kathleen McKirchy noted that 2010 Census material is available, please help yourselves.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38p