

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

February 22, 2010

President Williams called the meeting to order at 4:18p.

Minutes: January minutes distributed; moved and seconded to approve. Corrections: Dena Briscoe was present; John Boardman was excused. Approved with corrections.

Financial Report: January financial report received as distributed.

Correspondence: *Baltimore CLC:* COPE Dinner, \$350; *TENAC:* Request for contribution; *MCDCC:* Spring Ball, \$100; *Bricklayers Local 1 MD/VA/DC:* Affiliating with Council (470 members); *Union Plus:* Help for Haiti Fund; *NALC:* 2010 National Food Drive; *President Williams:* Letter to Jules Bernstein, Thanks for FilmFest/Union City contribution; *Endorsements:* Van Hollen & Hoyer to the MD State Fed at tomorrow's meeting, Moved, seconded and approved; *Early endorsements & Requests:* Mendelson and Thomas, moved, seconded and approved; *Requested \$500 contribution* to Harry Thomas, moved, seconded and approved.

Evening With Labor: set for March 13; Fred Allen reported that ad and ticket sales are not what he'd like, perhaps due to week lost to snow storms. Looking into doing dessert/liquor bar afterwards instead of usual dessert with

dinner. Have not heard from many political invitees, again perhaps due to the storms. Congresswoman Norton & Edwards and DC Council Chairman Gray are confirmed, among others.

Community Services

Agency: *Kathleen McKirchy reported:*

- Bowling report: have cleared at least \$8,000; Friday is deadline for turning in pledges so we expect a bit more in for the tally. Thanks to Fred Allen (GCC/IBT) and Linda Bridges (OPEIU 2) for great participation by their locals.

- Emergency assistance fund: 2010 pledges of at least \$300 per local due

- Pre-apprenticeship training program: GSA funded program; graduating our 2nd class of 26 young workers. Now need to get them gainful employment. Next class of 35 adults starts this week. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D - DC) featured program in her newsletter - Friday July 9 is next Labor Night at the Nats

Union Cities

Coordinator *Chris Garlock reported:*

- 2/23 AFGE TSO rally, 11:30A AFL-CIO

- DC Jobs with Justice gave an update on the Wings ironworker strike. "Pass the hat" ensued at the Delegate meeting to raise funds for the struggling workers

- 3/9: Health Care For Amer-

ica Now's "Listen to us - not Big Insurance" demonstration/civil disobedience against America's Health Insurance Plans lobbyist meeting - 2/27: NoVA Hotel Workers March & Rally, 5:30P National Airport Hilton reported John Boardman (UNITE HERE)

- 3/15-26: AFL-CIO 2010 Jobs Campaign Call to Action National Weeks of Bank Actions (Terese Bouey will make a report at the Delegate meeting)

COPE

- Annapolis Lobby Report: Rick Powell reported meeting weekly to coordinate info/strategy. Participants include MCGEO, CWA, SEIU, Building Trades & Laborers all have bills in.

- Prince George's Survey Update: Congressional, County Exec, couple of county races and perhaps some senate races.

- Tri-County Meeting with Mac Middleton, Chair of Senate Finance Committee to discuss labor bills before his committee. Discussion ensued.

- DC: Alya Mbamba reported on the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC). The Mayor nominated Vicky Beasley to serve as the OPC and replace Elizabeth Noell - a 30 yr veteran of OPC. Muriel Bowser introduced emergency legislation which was passed unanimously by the Council - to extend the term of Betty Noel for an additional 60 days until

Present: J Williams; G Renne; Sandra Falwell; L Bridges; C Reed; J Boardman; M Federici; C Goldman; V Ayres; M Murphy; F Allen; D Briscoe; G Parker.

Excused: D Reed; M Cuttitta

Absent: T Ratliff; G Johnson; C Graham; F Jones; D Dyer; J Contreras; A Frederick Sr.; A Garland; D Bowman; J Tarlau; R Gaines

Also attending: D Rodick (SEIU 500); T Perez (UFCW 400)

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

the council confirms Ms. Beasley's nomination. Alya also reported on the "Employment Stimulus and Trade Act of 2010" She thanked folks for participating in the lobby sessions every week. The bill was sequentially referred to CM Marion Barry's Committee on Housing and Workforce Development and CM Mary Cheh's Committee on Government Operations and the Environment. We are hoping both Councilmembers will get together soon and schedule a hearing on this issue as soon as possible.

- Early endorsements: President Williams and Rick Powell distributed a proposed accelerated timeline for the 2010 COPE interviews and endorsements. An

extensive discussion ensued.
- President Williams asked for recommendation for early endorsement of Congress members Edwards, Van Hollen & Hoyer to the MD State Fed at tomorrow's meeting. Moved, seconded and approved. Also asked for early endorsement of DC Councilmember Mendelson and Thomas; moved, seconded and approved. Asked for \$500 contribution to Harry Thomas; moved, seconded and approved. Asked Board members to send in contributions to Thomas before March 15 when a donation report must be filed.
- Also noted that a major issue that needs to be addressed at the next meeting in two weeks -- at Unite Here Local 25, date and time TBA -- is the need for a per capita increase.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39P

Merle Cuttitta, Recording Secretary