



Delegate's Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

May 17, 2010

May Delegate meeting called to order 6:44p by President Williams

Minutes: April minutes moved, seconded and approved.

Financial Report: April report received as distributed.

Guest: Bob Stewart, UFCW 1994, reviewed his local's work last year to win a union for county library workers, and introduced "rising political star" Howard County Executive Ken Ulman, the first major elected official to come out in support of the bill (distributed Ulman's letter). "He was the first but led the way" to winning more than 20 other endorsements of the bill. Ulman is also "the only County Executive I know who's honoring his contracts." Ulman said that "We honor our contracts, and live up to our promises" even though "sometimes that means we take a lot of heat" for it. "Thanks for what you did and what you're doing on healthcare; working together, we can solve problems."

Community Services Agency

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

· Labor Night at the Nats, July 9; tickets avail-

able now

· Emergency Assistance Fund Out of Money; Nurses United of DC generously donated \$5,000 to the Emergency Assistance Fund tonight, which is much appreciated, as the Fund has been depleted by requests for assistance. Please ask your local to make a contribution and/or run foods drives; we appreciate it.

· Teamsters 639 Daycon Strike Support; Giant Food gift cards are all we've been able to provide so far. Teamsters 639 President Tommy Ratliff reported on Local 639's ongoing strike at Daycon. "They wanted a strike" and 55 workers are now out on strike. "Thanks to the Council and everyone who's been out there on the line with us." SEIU 400's Sonny Reed noted that his local has been urging schools in Prince George's County to refuse to accept deliveries from Daycon while the strike continues. "Our fight today may be your fight tomorrow" added Ratliff.

· Golf Tournament Date Announcement—9/27/2010

Union Cities

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

· Teamsters 639 strike at Daycon; almost \$600 collected from delegates tonight as we passed the "hat," big shout-out to the

National Nurses Union and DCNA's Sandra Falwell (A NNU board member) for bringing 20 buses to the WHC picketline last week. Thanks also to the Laborers for loaning the inflatable rat to the Daycon strike and to UFCW 400 for their \$1,000 check and for coming out in force on the line last week.

· Nurses United contract negotiations at Washington Hospital Center: Steven Frum reported on the ongoing negotiations to settle a contract at WHC. There have been two contract extensions already but very little movement on core issues, which include staffing and pay. Thanks to the Council for all its support, both strategic and tactical, and to NNU for showing up in such great numbers at last week's informational picketline. Happy to be able to support other locals through the CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund; will keep everyone posted on negotiations. Garlock noted that the Council has been supporting the nurses with strategic support, letters to the WHC President and owner MedStar's CEO, assistance with political allies, solidarity coordination with affiliates and coverage in Union City.

· Showdown on K Street: Garlock reported on

a very successful – if wet – demonstration shutting down K Street today (5/17) to protest banker's greed. Thanks to everyone who came out in the rain!

· DC Labor FilmFest: working our way through over 100 possible films for this year's 10th annual FilmFest; still time to reserve space in the Program Guide.

Affiliate/Ally Reports

· Sandra Falwell, DCNA; reported on former Greater Southeast Hospital situation, which is that nothing much has changed, except there have been instances of no running water in the hospital.

· Lakeisha Harrison, DC Labor Chorus & Labor Heritage Foundation; led a round of Solidarity Forever to promote the Chorus' upcoming concert on Saturday, "our annual fundraiser, the only one of the year. We're there year-round for you now it's time to support us as we support this year people of low income and people of color to go to the US Social Forum in Detroit, so with \$20 you can support two great causes."

· Herbert Harris: BLE/IBT (Amtrak, MARC & VRE); potential change of VRE to a foreign-owned company. Amtrak 17-year contract not renewed and there may be an attempt to go non-union with this change in owner-

ship. We may need to borrow the Laborer's rat and put it right out in front of Union Station. If this goes thru, we'll stop non-union trains at the DC border.

- Jessica Ingerick, OPEIU 277: June 10 Union Sportmen's Alliance event, now fully-funded by AFL-CIO this year so please support. Also, young trade unionists of Baltimore are meeting June 7, 7p; hope to get DC group going at some point but meantime please support the Baltimore chapter. President Williams tasked Alya Solomon to work with them on this.

- DC CBTU, Gwend Johnson: convention next week, see you there, and please support my candidacy for International Treasurer of CBTU.

- CLUW: Donna Brockington; thanks for attending and supporting the recent Gloria Johnson luncheon and fundraiser.

- JWJ DC: Labor Chorus Concert support to send DC residents to US Social Forum, amazing networking opportunity. DC JWJ is organizing a bus to go, to make it easier and less ex-

pensive for local folks to go. June 10 I'll Be There Awards, honoring Johnny Barnes, Christie Matthews, Justice at Wings & Mary Beth Maxwell.

- Fred Allen (GCC 538C): Kennedys-King dinner coming up; tickets available and ad space too; Geo T Johnson (AFSCME Council 20) honoree.

COPE

Alya Solomon, Assistant Political Coordinator reported on DC Council Chairman Interviews: On May 5th the DC COPE interviewed the candidates running for Council in wards 1, 3, and 6. The Council Chair interviews will take place on June 9th at AFGE, 80 F St NW in room 1C at 6pm. The Executive Board is invited to attend the interviews. The COPE will vote on all the candidates after the interviews are completed on June 9th and is expected to make a recommendation to the Executive Board at the June 21st Executive Board meeting.

Rick Powell, Political Coordinator reported that the

PG COPE has completed interviews for county offices; will be meeting first week of June to make recommendations. In Montgomery County the interviews were postponed due to the ongoing budget crisis and won't be proceeding until there's some resolution on this issue, after the Council voted 8-0 to set aside the union contracts of fire and police departments and to consider proposal to increase furlough days already imposed on County employees, so this action was taken in solidarity with the County workers. Tri-County: questionnaires have gone out to candidates; will be meeting first week in June to interview (no date yet). Legislative races: we'll be doing interviews after 6/21 to make recommendations to the State Federation at their meeting in July. Regarding COPE endorsements, delegate Steve Shapiro (AFGE 3331) raised the issue of "funding Bush and Obama's wars, with the result of decreased money available for state, county, and municipal governments and the effects of cutbacks and layoffs, increased cost of living, and

decreased quality of life." Shapiro proposed that COPE interviews include questions of candidates "be they pro- anti, or neutral-war, on their position on the effect of war funding on state, county, and municipal budgets." President Williams said he would follow up with the COPE committees on this issue.

President's Report: Executive Board recommendations: see table below

The Board also recommends that the Council endorse the candidacy of Vincent Gray to be the next Mayor of the District of Columbia. Seconded and unanimously approved. "We have voted to endorse Vincent Gray, now we have to do the work to actually make him our next Mayor on September 14," President Williams said. "Please go back and get your locals to endorse and take other actions on this race, which we'll be advising you of as we proceed in the next few months. This is about electing Vincent Gray and it's also about getting rid of one of the most

May 2010 Correspondence						
Organization	Event Date	Request/Purpose	Tickets	Ads	RECC	Detail
NoVa CLC	7-May	Volunteer Recognition Dinner	75 ea	75-500	\$525.00	1/2 PAGE AD, 3 TIX
DC Labor Chorus	22-May	Songs of Peace & Justice	20 each		\$100.00	
CBTU	29-May	Golf Tournament	250 & up		\$250.00	
United Black Fund/ Rolark Scholarship	2-Jun	Rolark Luncheon	60 each	275-600	\$1,000.00	
WBCTC	4-Jun	Golf Tournament	300 tees		\$300.00	
DC Democratic State Committee	7-Jun	Kennedy's King Awards Gala	150	50 & up	\$700.00	1/4-page ad & 2 tix
MD State & DC AFL-CIO	18-Jun	Salute to Leadership	\$125	175-500	\$500.00	FP ad
Baltimore CLC	25-Jun	Night At Camden Yards	6 ea		\$50.00	
Eleanor Holmes Norton	19-May	Reception	100-5000			Federal contribution
TOTAL: \$3,425.00						

worker-unfriendly Mayors we've ever had. Fenty has \$4 million, which doesn't guarantee his victory, but if Gray doesn't have money, that'll guarantee defeat."

— Question was raised on the AFL-CIO's upcoming Youth Summit in June; President Williams said that the Council will be getting out more info in the weeks ahead.

Meeting adjourned 8:04P

DELEGATES

(thanks to everyone for signing in!)

Fred Allen GCIU 538-C
Vance Ayres WBCTC
Brian Benson IATSE 22
John Boardman HERE 25
Dwight Bowman AFGE District 14
Donna Brockington CLUW, Metro DC Chapter
Avis Buchanan AFGE 2782
Eric Bunn AFGE 2725/AFGE Council 211
Ben Butler AFGE Local 2741
Carl Carson Cement Masons Local 891
Cynthia Collins SEIU 400 PG
Vanessa Dixon Doctors Council DC / AFSCME NUHHCE
Rick Ehrmann NEWSPAPER GUILD 35
Sandra Falwell DCNA
Daniel Fields SEIU 722
Jo Freeman NWU/UAW 1981 2
Riley Gaines IBEW 26
Gerald Green SEIU 400 PG
David Hershfield AFGE Council 1, 12
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981
Jessica Ingerick OPEIU 277
Gwend Johnson CBTU DC Chapter
William Linehan IUEC 10
James Lowery IUEC 10
Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978
Michael Murphy IUOE 99
George Parker WTU 6

Janel Quarless
Thomas Ratliff Teamsters 639
Carnell Reed SEIU 400 PG
Leslie Richards NEA/UDCFA
David Richardson AFGE Council 1
William Schauman AFGE 2782
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910
Mark Sexton IUOE 99
Steve Shapiro AFGE 3331
Craig Simpson ATU 689
Jimmy Tarlau CWA 2336
Tyrone Thomas Ironworkers 5

Guests:

Caleb Burris NASPSO
Stephen Frum Nurses United Natl Capital Region
Steve Hopkins AFGE 3331
Lori Marlowe Nurses United
Marchel Smiley SEIU 722
Sybil Williams AFGE 2876