



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

May 17, 2010

Meeting called to order at 3:31P

Minutes: April minutes approved as corrected: under attendance, from Coles to Warrick are Guests; Earl O'Neill is AFSCME Council 20 (not AFGE).

Financial Report: April report received as distributed.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton labor reception is this Wednesday; please request your national/international to contribute to Congresswoman Norton (\$5,000 in the primary, \$5,000 in the general), and do plan to attend on Wednesday.

Correspondence: all political requests are being held until endorsements are made (see table on page 2)

President Williams introduced local attorney Dan Katz to review the legal aspects of running an independent campaign in the DC mayoral race. Katz outlined in detail the various "do's and don'ts" of running an independent campaign in the new post-Supreme Court Citizen's United ruling earlier this year. Extensive Q&A followed.

President Williams introduced DC Council Chair Vincent Gray, candidate for Mayor of the District of Columbia. After everyone introduced them-

selves, Chairman Gray briefly outlined his background as a community and political leader in Washington, and his vision for a city that involves its citizens, workers and labor movement. Q&A followed, covering a range of issues from privatization to the need for good jobs for residents and an improved relationship between city workers and the administration. After Gray departed, discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded to recommend endorsement of Gray to the Council delegates. The motion passed with one abstention. John Boardman, HERE 25, noting that Gray will need money to run, said that he'll host a fundraiser -- coordinated through the Council -- and that a goal of \$25,000 is "reasonable and necessary."

There was a brief discussion of the full plate of interviews and endorsements yet to be held and voted on by the Council, which will necessitate at least one additional meeting -- in addition to next month's regular Executive Board meeting -- to make sure everything gets done. Rick Powell, Political Coordinator, briefed the Board on the latest developments in Prince George's County, which has not yet met to make recommendations. President Williams directed the PG COPE to meet prior to the first week in June. President Williams noted that some of these meetings could well be con-

ducted via conference call. Powell reported that the Montgomery County interviews were suspended due to the Council's vote on breaking union contracts; plan to reschedule soon, probably combined with other interviews, most likely at the National Labor College. Plan to finish PG COPE endorsements by June 10 and have Executive Board conference call after that by June 21; DC COPE will do the same between now and June 21.

Meeting adjourned 6:40P

*Merle Cuttitta,
Recording Secretary*

Attendance: J Williams, S Falwell, J Boardman, C Reed, C Goldman, T Ratliff, A Frederick, V Ayres, M Murphy, D Bowman, J Tarlau, F Allen, G Parker.

Excused: G Renne, M Cuttitta, G Johnson, K Martin, M Federici, L Bridges

Absent: D Reed, C Graham, F Jones, D Dyer, J Contreras, A Garland, D Briscoe

Staff: Chris Garlock, Kathleen McKirchy, Alya Solomon, Rick Powell

Guests: Mark Coles, WBCTC; Johnny Walker, AFGE 383; Eric Bunn AFGE 2725; Dave Richardson, AFGE 12; Vanessa Dixon, Doctor's Council; Robert Mayfield, AFGE 2978; Carl Carson, Cement Masons 891; Dennis Myers, Carpenters Mid-Atlantic Council; Al Squire, WTU; Herbert Harris, BLE; Richard Campbell, AFGE 1000; Andre Lee, AFSCME 2091; David D'Assenio; Dan Katz; Dan Fields, SEIU 722; Marshall Smiley; Dwight Kirk.

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 Ctte MD State &	7-Jun	Kennedy's King Awards Gala	150	50 & up	\$700.00	1/4-page ad & 2 tix
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