

Delegate Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

June 21, 2010

May Delegate meeting called to order 6:38p by President Williams

Delegate Eartha Issac, AFGE 2978 was sworn in.

Guest: President Williams suspended the regular order of business to welcome Congresswoman Donna Edwards, who he called "A labor Delegate with a real passion for working men and women. She doesn't just vote for us but is an active advocate." Edwards, after a standing ovation, thanked President Williams and the delegates, saying that coming to the AFL-CIO headquarters and the Metro Council "is very comfortable for me; this is my second home." She described how she was grilled on a number of labor issues during a recent meeting with the editorial board of The Washington Post, and took the opportunity to strongly defend unions and worker's rights to organize. "It reminded me of why workers need representatives who don't just cast the right vote but who will be fighters for you as well." She reported that she's been speaking our strongly in support of government workers, "who are being beaten up every day over wages, benefits and rights. We need government workers to help get us off the ground in this economic crisis; the American workers cannot afford another two decades like the last two. We have nothing left to give; we're at rock bot-

tom." Edwards added that "my backbone is you and all the workers you represent and with that backbone there's nothing we can't do." After taking questions from delegates, Edwards posed for a group photo with the Union Summer interns and invited everyone to attend her upcoming birthday party.

Minutes: May minutes moved, seconded and approved, with the addition of Elaine Newman, NCAUR as having been in attendance.

Financial Report: May report received as distributed

Correspondence: moved, seconded and approved as recommended:
Council Correspondence

COPE

Rick Powell, Political Coordinator, reported the Executive Board's recommendation that actions in the Prince George's races be tabled until a special meeting in July, and that the Board be authorized to take action at that point. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the recommendation, with Steve Shapiro (AFGE 3331) voting no.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the following recommendations of the Tri County COPE and Executive Board:

Charles County Commission: County Commission Presi-

dent – Edith Patterson
County Commissioner: District 1 - Sam Graves; District 2 – No Position; District 3 - Reuben Collins; District 4- No Position
County Offices: Judge Orphans Court – Frank Lancaster; Register of Wills – Lorraine Hennesey; Sheriff – Rex Coffey; State's Attorney – Hammad Matin
Charles County Democratic Central Committee: Greg Waller, Evelyn Phelps, Virginia Benedict, Elvira Barnes, Albert Coleman, Gene Davies, Robert Foster, Vincent Ippolito
Calvert County Commission: Wilson Parren, Christy Burch, Kim Mackall, Bill Phalen, Kelly McConkey
County Offices: Sheriff – No Position
Calvert County Democratic Central Committee: Chris Reynolds, Ron Milligan, Beth Swoape, Stovie Brown, Melisa Miller, Steve Zimmerman
St. Mary's County Commission: Commission President - Jack Russell
Commissioner: Arthur Shepherd, Bill Mattley

After extensive discussion and debate of the DC COPE recommendations, it was moved, seconded and approved to hold a special Council Delegate Meeting on July 19 for the sole purpose of taking actions on endorsements in the remaining outstanding races. It was also moved, seconded and ap-

DELEGATES

Vance Ayres Washington Building Trades
Brian Benson IATSE 22

John Boardman UNITE HERE 25
Dwight Bowman AFGE Dist 14
Dena Briscoe APWU, Nation's Capital and Southern MD Local
Donna Brockington CLUW, Metro DC Chapter
Avis Buchanan AFGE 2782
Eric Bunn AFGE 2725/AFGE Council 211
Ernest Cardwell WBCTC
Carl Carson Cement Masons Local 891
Eamon Clifford IUOE 99
Mark Coles WBCTC
Cynthia Collins SEIU 400 PG
Stephen Courtien IUPAT 51
Vanessa Dixon Doctors Council DC / AFSCME NUHCE
Sandra Falwell DCNA
Jo Freeman NWU/UAW 1981 2
Larry Greenhill IBEW 26
Bridget Hamilton American Income Life
David Hershfield AFGE Council 1 12
Keith Hickman Cement Masons 891
Ann Hoffman NWU/UAW 1981
Jessica Ingerick OPEIU 277
Gwend Johnson CBTU DC Chapter
Yvette Martin-Gross AFGE 631
Robert Mayfield AFGE 2978
Michael Murphy IUOE 99
Elaine Newman NCAUR
Carnell Reed SEIU 400 PG
Clifton Savoy Sheet Metal Workers 100
Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910
Steve Shapiro AFGE 3331
Jimmy Tarlau CWA 2336
John Walker AFGE 383

June 2010 Correspondence

Organization	Event Date	Request/Purpose	Tickets	Ads	RECC	Detail
ADA Annual Awards	11-Jun	Awards Dinner	50-2000		\$500.00	
Iron 5 Dad's Day	18-Jun	Union Charity Fundraiser	various		\$250.00	
DC ACLU	14-Jul	Contribution	100 & up		\$100.00	
WPFW		Fundraiser	180		\$180.00	
TOTAL		\$1,030.00				

proved to accept the DC COPE and Executive Board recommendations for “No Position” in Ward 1 and Mary Cheh in Ward 2.

Community Services Agency Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:
 · Labor Night at the Nats, July 9; tickets still available; Strassbourg is on rotation to pitch that night.
 · Golf Tourney: scheduled 9/27
 · The GSA job training contract has been expanded through the late Spring of 2011.

Union Cities
 Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:
 · Teamsters 639 strike at Daycon now in 9th week; support much appreciated.
 · Nurses United contract negotiations at Washington Hospital Center: Lori Marlow reported that the union is urging rejection of the hospital’s contract offer; a vote is scheduled for June 25-26.
 · Garlock reported that Unite Here Local 25 members at the Nationals ballpark just tonight approved a contract that, like many others locally, was not about money but focused instead on battling contracting out.

COPE:
 Rick Powell, Political Coordinator, reported that Montgomery County Council candidate interviews were canceled last month after the County voted

to set aside union contracts; those interviews are now being rescheduled and will be posted on the Council’s website.
 Alya Solomon, Assistant Political Coordinator, reported on the June 30 hearing scheduled on the Employment Stimulus Bill and distributed postcards for DC residents to sign.

Affiliate/Ally Reports
 · ATU 689: Craig Simpson reported on Metro’s continuing efforts to undermine collective bargaining rights, including attacking binding arbitration.
 · DC CBTU, Gwend Johnson; thanks for supporting the recent Convention; check it out on the CBTU website; regional meeting scheduled for September 17-19; chapter to meet in August.
 · Sarah Markel-Elder reported on an upcoming Town Hall 7/29 on occupational safety and health.
 · DCNA: Sandra Falwell reported that UMC – formerly Greater Southeast Hospital – is once again up for sale, for the fourth time.
 · WTU Local 6: George Parker reported that the DC City Council held a hearing on the teacher’s contract today and will vote on it June 29.

Adjourned 8:27
 50-50 won by Saul Schneiderman, AFSCME 2910, who donated \$20 to CSA.

Guests:
 Caleb Burris NASPSO
 Lori Marlowe Nurses United

Mary Smith Nurses United
 Thomas Blanton Mid-Atlantic
 Regional Council of Carpenters
 Greg Walker IBEW 1900