

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

September 20, 2010

*Called to order at 4:15p by President Williams*

**Minutes:** In the June 21 minutes, Sonny Reed (SEIU 400) was present; approved as corrected. July minutes approved as distributed.

**Financial Report:** August financial report received as distributed.

## **Correspondence:**

- DCEJC: 9/28/2010 Labor Day Awards Dinner \$1500 table
- Jews United for Justice: 10/24/2010; Heschel Vision Awards \$250 1/4 page
- United Construction Workers: Thanks for the Council's support for their efforts; received
- ILCA: Union City wins Best Electronic Newsletter award 2010; 250 1/4 page
- **Total: \$2,000**

## **Community Services**

### **Agency**

Kathleen McKirchy, Executive Director, reported:

- Golf Tournament 9/27: 104 golfers signed up so far; can do 144 so space open; should be gorgeous day; benefits Emergency Assistance Fund which is now empty. President Williams emphasized need for

support for tourney to replenish the fund.

- United Way/CFC Campaigns: it's that time again; union member support has dropped in last few years so we really need to get word out that CSA needs their support. Flyers available, either directly from CSA or downloading off website. CSA staff available for presentations to locals anytime anywhere; thanks for the support!

## **Union Cities**

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- 10<sup>th</sup> annual DC Labor FilmFest 10/12-19
- Union City ILCA award: third win, second as top winner
- 2011 Directory: \$2,500 in ads already sold, which should cover costs of production for the first time

## **President's Report**

- MD/DC AFL-CIO Labor 2010 GOTV Rally this Friday, 9/24, 6-9P at ATU 689; campaign kick-off. Maryland is now a battleground state so labor will be key in the battle to maintain control of the Governor's mansion. Discussion ensued.
- One Nation demo/march on Saturday, 10/2 on The Mall: major event around

jobs and worker issues, also will help to build for turnout in the mid-term elections the following month.

## **COPE**

- Reports by COPE Political Coordinators Rick Powell and Alya Solomon on recent primaries:
  - DC: all endorsed candidates won. President Williams commended Alya Solomon for coordinating member-to-member campaign. Reviewed campaign literature. President Williams also credited support of AFT for terrific materials. Solomon thanked everyone for their support and reviewed the campaign. President Williams echoed her thanks to everyone who stepped up, especially DC COPE Chair Fred Allen.
  - MD: Coordinator Rick Powell reported on the results of labor-endorsed candidates in Maryland. Extensive review and discussion ensued.

## **Reports of Board Members**

- Tony Perez, UFCW 400, circulated letter President Tom McNutt is sending to Baltimore CLC President Ernie Grecco (copied to MWC Board, State Fed and MD political leaders)

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Williams, D Reed, Falwell, Bridges, Boardman, C Reed, Goldman, Murphy, Bowman, Tarlau, Allen, Briscoe.

**Excused:** Cuttitta, Federici, Johnson, Graham, Frederick, Garland, Ayres, Martin, Gaines

**Absent:** Ratliff, Jones, Dyer, Contreras, Parker.

**Guests:** Tony Perez, UFCW 400; Tyrone Thomas, Iron 5; Latitha Williams, ATU 689 Political Director; Bob Stewart, UFCW 1994/MCGEO; Earl O'Neal, AFSCME Council 20; Al Bilik, AFSCME Council 20; Al Squires, AFT; Clay White, AFT

**Staff:** McKirchy, Garlock,

regarding Grecco holding annual conference in Atlantic City instead of in Maryland (at the new Gaylord facility, for example). McNutt also challenged Grecco's "meddling in UFCW 400's political outreach by going outside the Council's jurisdiction to oppose our recommended candidates."

- Carl Goldman, AFSCME 26: reported on organizing win at the Captioll Visitor's Center last Friday.

*Meeting adjourned 6:28p*