

Delegate Meeting Minutes

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Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

December 13, 2010

Called to order at 6:20p by President Williams, who thanked the sparse crowd for braving the freezing temperatures.

Financial Report: November financial report accepted as distributed. Approved.

Community Services Agency

CSA Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

Holiday baskets: still accepting contributions of food, toys, gift cards & money

Bowling: set for 1/30; registration forms out; please get in ASAP, as teams are forming now.

\$27,000 grant from Marpat Foundation received to continue placement for trainees of the Building Futures Program. Emergency Assistance renewals: \$300 minimum annual contributions due

Wizards Labor Night update: although the Metro Washington Council and Community Services Agency are not sponsoring or benefiting from the Labor Day game, both organizations are supportive of the Wizards' efforts to reach out to area workers with tickets discounted up to 35% off the gate price.

Union City

Mobilization Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

National Nurses United returns to bargaining table with Washington Hospital Center Thursday 12/9; fired "snow nurse" Geri Lee reported and thanked the Council, delegates and lo-

cal labor movement for all their support. She also noted that "Tweets work!", reporting that the Metro Council's tweet about a recent NNU demo has been brought up by WHC management at a subsequent bargaining session.

AFM continues protesting canned music at The Nutcracker.

Work continues on 2011 Council Directory (please update your local's info if you haven't already!). Union City Reader Survey: preliminary report indicates high satisfaction with UC as well as suggestions for future improvements; 73% say they always read UC, 59% say the information is very useful, favorite section is local labor news (69%) closely followed by labor history (66%).

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Legislative & Political Coordinator Rick Powell reported: Montgomery: Solidarity with public unions and planning meeting at National Labor College set for the 16th. D.C.: Four Walmart stores planned in DC, smaller locations, including in Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 7 & Poplar Point. Have joined coalition with JWJ-led religious & community allies, not to block Walmart but to push for wage and other standards.

Affiliate/Constituent Group Reports

- *Johnny Walker, AFGE 383:* introduced Roslyn McCall Smith, new Secretary-

Treasurer for Local 383

- *Eamon Clifford, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 99:* local won card check for 70 members at a top-secret facility in Springfield

- *Ruth Castel-Branco, DC*

JWJ: thanked everyone for attending JWJ's Cabaret recent fundraiser, which was a big success and at which the Chamber of Commerce won the Scrooge of the Year award, narrowly beating out the Washington Hospital Center and Walmart.

- *On behalf of DC CBTU's Gwend Johnson, Chris Garlock reported:* that the annual Year-end reception and shoebox gift-wrapping was held on December 11 and she thanked everyone who came by: "A good time was had by all, with good food, good fun and good fellowship." The chapter collected food for the Council's CSA and \$1,145 in union gift cards was also collected for CSA to distribute to needy families. 188 shoeboxes were given to Strive DC, a non-profit career development center assisting the unemployed in Washington.

- *Saul Schniderman, AFSCME 2910 reported:* that the DC Labor Chorus Holiday Concert was well-attended and raised over \$1,000; Brother Schniderman also regaled the delegates with an capella rendition of "Rudolph the Union Reindeer."

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 7P so delegates

could attend the free Street Dogs concert next door in the Gompers Room.

Delegate Attendance

Carl Carson Cement Masons Local 891

Eamon Clifford IUOE 99

Cynthia Collins SEIU 400 PG

Stephen Courtien, Painters District Council 51

Rick Ehrmann NEWSPAPER GUILD 35

Stephen Frum Nurses United Natl Capital Region

Riley Gaines IBEW 26

Jessica Ingerick OPEIU 277

Francis Jacobberger BAC 1

William Linehan IUOE 10

Roslyn McCall-Smith AFGE 383

David Richardson AFGE Council 1

Saul Schniderman AFSCME 2910

John Walker AFGE 383