

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

February 28, 2011

Meeting called to order at 4:05P

Minutes: January minutes approved.

Financial Report: January report received.

Correspondence:

- PG County Executive Rushern Baker March 10 Reception: \$250
- NoVa Labor April 29 Volunteer Recognition Dinner: \$600 (1/2 page ad & 4 tix)
- Mt Rainier Councilman Jimmy Tarlau: \$100 (CWA District 2)
- Printcraft Bowling Tourney: \$100 (full page ad)
- Yeatman Foundation: \$500; medical fund for former IUEC 10 Business Manager Sonny Yeatman's wife, Karen, who has a rare form of cancer; Contributions can be made payable to BB&T Bank, 5801 Deale Church Road, Deale, MD 20751.

Total: \$1,550.00

- DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton: Thanks for contribution to her annual Christmas Party
- WBNG 32035: Union City a winner in 2010 Front Page Awards (for Distinguished National News Photography)

Community Services Agency

- Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported on recent Federal closure workshops conducted for locals

Evening with Labor

- Chairman Fred Allen reported that there will be no post-event reception this year and that the entire program will be done prior to dinner; politicians expected to attend include Governor O'Malley, Mayor Gray, Senator Cardin, Lt. Gov Brown and more.

Union Cities

- Chris Garlock, Union Cities Mo-

bilization Coordinator reported:

- Sonny Reed, SEIU 400, reported on the big public sector rally planned for Annapolis on March 14; the budget cuts would mean a loss of over 1,000 Prince George's county education employees.

- 2011 Directory published; distributed copies

- Wisconsin support demos thanks & update: more events planned
- NNU strike at WHC this Friday, March 4, rally 12-2p

- UNITE HERE 25 continues picketing at Madison Hotel

- Teamsters 639: Daycon update; Local 639 won another NLRB ruling but Daycon plans to appeal; Giant distribution jobs threatened by outsourcing

- UFCW 1994/MCGEO: rally/negotiations update; battle continues over budget and jobs

- Walmart DC campaign update: legislative and community organizing tracks continue; Tony Perez (UFCW 400) made a detailed report on the campaign's status and extensive discussion ensued.

- ATU 689 demo - still no contract at Metro -- scheduled for Thursday 3/10 8:30-10a at WMATA HQ; issues include collective bargaining, safety and binding arbitration.

- Workshop on use of social media planned for March 25

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Maryland Report (Rick Powell, Political & Legislative Coordinator):

- MAPS Coalition update: working on developing general response on the public sector collective bargaining issue that can be used across area

- Annapolis Report: President Williams and others to testify against Right To work and other anti-labor bills in Annapolis; Monday lobbying meetings con-

tinue

- Tri-County report

President's Report

- President Williams noted that the trouble in Wisconsin began with clearly extreme proposals that were doomed to failure in the short term but in the long run gained traction, which is why we're taking things like Right To Work and anti-PLA legislation in the Maryland Assembly very seriously.

- DC At-Large City Council Race: discussion on best way to engage in this race; it was decided to distribute questionnaires and to interview the candidates at the March meeting

- Metro Washington Council staff union/contract: President Williams reported that the Council staff had organized with Newspaper Guild 32035, been recognized and successfully negotiated a first contract.

- Board updates: President Williams requested approval to replace George Parker (WTU 6) on the Council's Board by new WTU 6 President Nathan Saunders; unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:40P

ATTENDANCE

Present: J. Williams, C. Reed, G. Johnson, A. Garland, V. Ayres, K. Martin, F. Allen, D. Briscoe
Also attending: Steve Courtien (Painters); Ron Freeland (LIUNA); Jackie Jeter (ATU 689); Tony Perez (UFCW 400); Hugh Weathers (ASASP)

Excused: Renne, Reed, Fallwell, Boardman, Goldman, Ratliff, Tarlau, Federici, Frederick

Absent: Bridges, Graham, Jones, Dyer, Contreras, Murphy

Staff: McKirchy, Garlock, Powell, Solomon