

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

May 16, 2011

President Williams called meeting to order at 4:10P and suspended the regular order of business to introduce Alexander Thompson Jr. of A. Thompson & Associates and Scott Vogel of Express Scripts. Vogel discussed safety and economy of generic drugs, which are just as effective but much less expensive than brand-name prescription drugs, thus lessening health care costs to members. Discussion ensued.

Tony Perez, UFCW 400 introduced Esther Diller and Christian Bockrath of First Choice Lending, a union mortgage broker the local has worked with and has a lot of confidence with. Their rates are competitive but the fees -- which can add thousands at closing -- are much lower, thanks to their volume of business. The company works closely and well with union members; getting this kind of service is critical these days due to all of the trouble with the economy and mortgage situation. First Choice is willing to pay for mailings to area members about the services they provide. Warned against scam artists proliferating around "loan modification" delinquencies.

Minutes (April): Approved as distributed.

Financial Report (April): President Williams reported that we're in the middle of the

2010 audit so will have the May report by the June meeting.

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Correspondence:

- MD/DC AFL-CIO Salute to Leadership Awards dinner (17-Jun): 4 tickets & Full Page ad, \$1,100.
- NAACP PG Branch Freedom Fund Dinner (17-Jun): 1/2 page, \$300.
- NLC Dean's List funder: \$100.
- DC CLUW Gloria Johnson awards awards lunch (12-Jun): Patron, 1/2 page & 4 tickets, \$250.
- WFPW Contribution: \$100.
- DC Primary Care Association membership: table.
- Ward 5 Council on Education Awards dinner (13-May): table.
- MD Del. Dereck Davis Reception (7-Jun): table.
- MD Sen. Karen Montgomery Picnic (5-Jun): table.
- Washington Building & Construction Trades Council Project Type Zero: \$300.
- DC ACLU Teach-In (9-Jun): \$150.
- Peggy Browning Fund: ad & tickets, \$1,000.
- Ironworkers 5 DADs Day Poker Run (18-Jun): \$200.

TOTAL: \$3,500

The Council also received letters from DCNA (thanking President Williams for speaking at their 4/26 Labor Relations Seminar) and from UFCW 400 (one from Mark Federici resigning as a mem-

ber of the Executive Board and another from UFCW 400 President Tom McNutt recommending the appointment of L. Anthony Perez as a member of the Executive Board). The Board voted to accept Federici's resignation, with regret and full appreciation for his many years of active service and support for the Council. The Board then appointed Tony Perez to complete the remainder of Federici's term. The Board also voted to declare former WTU 6 President George Parker's seat vacant and appointed new WTU 6 President Nathan Saunders to serve the rest of Parker's term.

Community Services Agency:

Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy reported:

- Labor Night at the Nats, July 29: AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka will be throwing out the first pitch.
- Golf tournament, September 26
- Update on GSA Project: just graduated 9th class of students, best yet. A student who had messed up his apprenticeship in the Operating Engineers got retrained, the Project helped him get a car, and he now has union job on Dulles worksite.
- MD Prison Book Drive: the drive was very successful; thanks to everyone who contributed, we collected 13 big boxes of books.

ATTENDANCE

K Martin (Ironworkers 5); A Garland (ATU 689); L Bridges (OPEIU 2); M Murphy (IUOE 99); T Perez (UFCW 400); F Allen (GCC/IBT); V Ayres (WBCTC); D Dyer (OPEIU 2); D Reed (ASASP); J Tarlau (CWA District 2)

Staff: K McKirchy; C Garlock; R Powell; A Solomon

Guests: Alexander Thompson Jr of A. Thompson & Associates and Scott Vogel of Express Scripts; Esther L. Diller & Christian Bockrath, President First Choice Lending of New Jersey.

Union Cities:

Coordinator Chris Garlock reported:

- NNU/WHC reaches/approves contract.
- 2011 DC Labor FilmFest: May 6 deadline for 20% earlybird discount extended thru 5/20: thanks to everyone who's already sponsoring.

Upcoming events:

- May 21: DC Asian Pacific American Workers' Rights Hearing.
- May 21: Montgomery County's Annual Spring Peace Banquet.
- June 2: Peggy Browning Fund Honors Williams
- June 12: DC CLUW's Annual Gloria Johnson Awards Luncheon.
- June 10: Washington Worker's Walking Tour: 100% of all fees donated to the Metro Washington Council's Community Services Agency.

- June 17- 19: Labor Heritage Foundation's 2011 Great Labor Arts Exchange
- June 17: MD/DC AFL-CIO "Salute To Leadership" Awards Dinner.

COPE Report:

Rick Powell (Political & Legislative Coordinator) and Alya Solomon (Political & Legislative Assistant) reported:

- DC Budget Support Act: Ward 3 Councilmember Cheh's attack on city workers, trying to freeze their pay.
- Teacher Lay-offs: WTU 6 and teachers battling "excessing" of jobs.
- Safety Net walking tour set for Wed 5/18; distributed poll showing high public support for increasing taxes on the rich, as proposed by Mayor Gray, which is being opposed by the "Gang of 4" councilmembers trying to kill Gray tax proposal.
- Maryland: Budget fights in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties: most of the unions throughout our jurisdictions are battling attacks on them via budget cuts. Working on getting five votes in Prince George's Council to get their raises; may be some progress in Montgomery County negotiations as well. Tri-County COPE meeting next week. Discussion on current status of various COPE committees, regarding function, utility, staffing etc. President Williams appointed Jimmy Tarlau to head up a 5-person committee (including Tony Perez UFCW 400, Doris Reed ASASP, & Kendall Martin Ironworkers 5) to review this and come back with a recommendation.
- June 8 Metro Washington Council fundraiser for MD Congresswoman Donna Edwards; she has not raised a lot

of money because she refuses to take corporate/lobby contributions; may be challenged by Rev Anthony Muse around the same-sex issue. Reception 6-8P; cannot use local treasury money, must come from PAC.

Reports of Board Members:

- Jimmy Tarlau, CWA Dist. 2: Verizon negotiations are CWA's big summer event; starts June 22 for 10,000 locally, 40,000 nationally. Tarlau's been involved in negotiations for Piedmont Airlines. He was re-elected Councilman in Mt Rainer, 96-0.
- Doris Reed, ASASP: asked for anyone with experience dealing with a member fired for looking at online porn at work; several fellow Board members offered assistance.
- Vance Ayres, WBCTC: Second phase of Dulles corridor project; pushback from Governor and need support for PLA on this job. Also, Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) needs pushing on the Korea Free Trade Act; he's on the wrong side on this issue (as he was on NAFTA).
- Tony Perez, UFCW 400: 2012 major agreements with Giant, Safeway and Shoppers are coming up. Already held first round of shop stewards meeting, brought stewards from both Giant and Safeway together for the first time ever, went very well, but we expect a big fight.
- Mike Murphy, IUOE 99: thanks for covering last week's steward training at the NLC in Union City; went well and makes for a stronger union.
- Kendall Martin, Iron 5: contract expires May 31; bloodbath right now; agreed to bring in mediator but they started at zero and then went

below zero because they asked what we could give back. Kendall's election coming up next month, so he hopes to see all at next month's meeting.

Adjourned at 6:30P