



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

November 17, 2011

Note: meeting held via conference call

Meeting called to order by President Williams at 10:07a

Minutes: none since no meeting in October

Financial report: September report received

Community Services Agency

President Williams reported on behalf of Kathleen McKirchy:

- Annual emergency assistance contributions due for 2012-\$300 minimum for your members to be eligible
- Holiday Basket Project underway- looking for donations of non-perishable food, gift cards, funds
- Bowling Tournament flyers out- event 1/29/12 at Crofton Bowling Centre, \$125 for 5 member team

Union Cities/Mobilization

Chris Garlock reported: Occupy DC-Labor Events (through Occupy DC officially and unofficially):

11/16-17: CWA 2-day March from Silver Spring to McPherson Square

11/17: WTU Rally for Education (12-2pm) / Key Bridge March with OurDC (2:30pm march from McPherson, 4-6pm action at Key Bridge)

11/18: "We Teach the 99%" Teach-in and March (4:30pm at McPherson)

11/21: Save the US Postal Service Picket (12:30pm, National Press Club - 529 14th St. NW)

12-5-9: SEIU Tent City at the Capitol

President Williams introduced new Assistant Mobilizer Julia Kann, who reported that a Labor Committee had been set up at Occupy DC and had its first meeting on Sunday; the Council had just bought a tent that's being set up as Occupy DC's official labor tent and all affiliates are welcome and encouraged to contribute materials to stock the tent and to help staff it as well; scheduling will be done on the Council's website event calendar. Also posted on the website now is the latest list of items needed by Occupy DC, as well as which items have already been provided by which locals. President Williams strongly urged everyone to "step up and support these folks; this is tremendously valuable and important work they're doing." Carl Goldman suggested sending out a special request for support to affiliates, in addition to reports in Union City.

Political Report (COPE)

D.C. – Respect D.C. Campaign Update- 6 WalMarts to come into DC (2 additional to original four); supposed to meet with the Mayor on the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)

MD – PG/Montgomery COPE Committee organization update: next meeting 12/8 10, probably at UFCW Local 400. President Williams has appointed Doris Reed to chair the newly-combined Committee.

PG County Council Landmark Economic Development Legislation introduced by Councilmember Franklin; Labor Peace, CBA, Local Hiring introduced by Councilmember Karen Toles - PLA Montgomery County- Big Box CBA Bill Introduced Redistricting Update - Fannie Lou Hamer PAC Lawsuit; Congressional District 4, New poll shows support for Cong. Donna Edwards.

Tri-County – No meeting in December

Anne Arundel County COPE established under Baltimore CLC jurisdiction

President's report

- Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Convention 11/18 and 19 at the National Labor College. President Williams urged support for two resolutions: early endorsement of Cong. Donna Edwards and marriage equality efforts. It was moved and seconded to support the early endorsement resolution; extensive debate followed, and the resolution passed with two abstentions. It was moved and seconded to support the marriage equality resolution, which was approved with one abstention. Eleanor Holmes Norton fundraiser: President Williams reminded the board that this year's fundraiser for Congresswoman Norton starts at 5p and that even though Norton has no opposition her PAC needs funds so that she can support other labor-friendly Representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15a

ATTENDANCE

Present: Williams, Renne, D. Reed, Bridges, C. Reed, Perez, Goldman, Contreras, Ayres, Murphy, Bowman, Taylor

Excused: Boardman, Ratliff, Graham, Frederick, Martin, Tarlau, Saunders

Staff: Garlock, Powell, Kann