

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
April 18, 2006
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by President Robert Soutier at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

President Soutier introduced delegate Calvin Davis, IAM, Local #777 to lead the delegates in the invocation. President Soutier then led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: PRESENT: Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Vergil Belfi, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Kevin Patterson, Perri Pryor, and Rick Smith.

EXCUSED BUT RECORDED AS PRESENT: Mary Armstrong, Barbara Black, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Terry Loehrer, Michael O'Mara, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Dick Renna, Joe Schonlau, Mark Selby, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Kevin Kleff and Laurie Waterhouse of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild/CWA, and Erv Huff and Daniel Dyer of AFSCME, Local #410 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March 21, 2006 meeting minutes as printed, with copies available in the rear of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Soutier advised the delegates of the following dates: Workers Memorial Day to be held on Friday, April 28, 2006 at Gordon Moore Park in East Alton, IL at 7:00 p.m.; The National Day of Prayer for Katrina victims to be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church 1260 Hamilton Avenue in St. Louis at 6:30 p.m.; the Union Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at the Shrine of St. Joseph on 11th and Biddle in St. Louis at 9:00 a.m.; and the Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 4, 2006 in downtown St. Louis.

Soutier advised that Locals must get their forms in early so the drawing can be held in June.

President Soutier asked the delegation for helpers to erect the tent for the annual BBQ and Golf Tournament. Soutier mentioned that help would be needed on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the Plumbers & Pipefitters site, and that anyone wishing to volunteer should see Dave Meinell.

C.O.P.E. REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

President Soutier introduced First Vice President John Ebeling to read the Executive Board Report as stated:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinist's District No. 9
April 13, 2006

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Robert A. Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Kevin Patterson, and Roger Poole.

Excused and recorded as present: John Ebeling, Vergil Belfi, Mary Armstrong, Barbara Black, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Terry Loehrer, Tom McNeil, Michael O'Mara, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Dick Renna, Joe Schonlau, Mark Selby, Rick Smith, and David Zimmerman.

Also present were Tom Hanley, Seniors Choice; Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO; Mary Maynard, AFL-CIO; and Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune.

President Soutier introduced Tom Hanley for a presentation on Seniors Choice, a program of supplemental insurance for seniors 65 and older. The Board requested that we have the plan administrators from several large unions investigate this plan to see if it will be of value to our members.

Randy Kiser and Mary Maynard spoke on the minimum wage ballot initiative and the need to obtain signatures.

Ed Finkelstein spoke about a graduate class from Washington University that would like to speak to labor leaders about the class project they completed on unions.

President Soutier advised the Board that they will meet at 8:30 a.m. on May 11, 2006 at the IAM District No. 9 Hall prior to the next Board meeting to allow the students to share their findings with leaders from all unions in St. Louis. Soutier also stated that the regular Board meeting would immediately follow the presentation.

Soutier discussed with the Board the proposal from the Red Cross which was presented at the last meeting. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed not to enter into any fundraising efforts at this time.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at the Shrine of St. Joseph in downtown St. Louis.

A discussion was held over the endorsement from Jefferson County Labor Club in the 104th State Representative race. Problems arose concerning the fact that an endorsement was given prior to the filing period ending. A motion was made, seconded and passed to interview all candidates in this race prior to any endorsement.

President Soutier assigned a committee consisting of Kevin McNatt, Jim Dougherty, Herb Dill, and Kevin Patterson to conduct the interview and return with a recommendation.

President Soutier advised the Board of a National Day of Prayer for Katrina victims to be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church at 1260 Hamilton Avenue in St. Louis.

With nothing further to come before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier
President

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COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 595.2 for February 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO spoke on the "Give Missourians a Raise" ballot initiative. Kiser asked delegates not to sign the TABOR petition because it is not worker friendly.

Gerard Burke AFT, Local #420 spoke on the St. Louis City school board elections and the Thomas Jefferson Days on May 19, and 20, 2006.

Bob Kortkamp, President MO ARA reminded everyone of the Labor Mass and asked all to attend on Sunday, May 7, 2006.

Keith Gentry, Letter Carriers, Local #343 informed the delegates of their annual food drive to be held on May 13, 2006.

Mike Pona, USW, Gas Workers, Local #11-6 requested the delegates to ask Laclede Gas for union workers when they need service at home and *not* a contract employee.

Marcia Cline advised the delegates about the community services course to be held at UAW, Local #2250 Hall in Wentzville and the Union Counseling Course they will provide.

Roz Sherman-Voellinger reminded the delegates about the Workers Memorial Day and asked all to turn their radio to KWMU 90.7 FM (public radio) at 11:00 a.m. on April 28 for coverage of Workers Memorial Day. Voellinger also advised of the arbitration seminar to be held at SIUE.

Clair Faatz, Utility Workers asked the delegates to sign the Medicaid Benefits petition.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mike Diefenbach, IAM, Local #41 thanked the Labor Tribune for its coverage of Labor issues.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 asked the delegates to buy fundraiser tickets from the IBEW, Local #1 Ladies Auxiliary.

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune thanked Kevin Madden for a job well done and the delegates for all the support they have given.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The community services' drawing was held. Steve Newell, IAM, Local #837 Lodge A won a set of baseball tickets.

President Soutier asked him to call the Labor Council office to arrange a game.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the delegates, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier, President
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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The following Delegates were present:

Administrator's Association of the St. Louis Public Schools, Local #44

137 Members

Charles Shelton

Aluminum, Brick & Glass Workers

Local #169 – 308 Members

Amer. Fed. Of TV & Radio Artists

400 Members

Asbestos Workers

Local 1 – 325 Members

Mark Selby

Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers

Bakers No. 4 – 1253 Members

Boilermakers

Local 27 – 500 Members

Bricklayers

No. 1 – 1102 Members

Joseph Schonlau

Chemical Workers Union

No. 16 – 53 Members

No. 81 – 117 Members

No. 432 – 172 Members

Communications Workers

No. 6310 – 1955 Members

Tony Ellebracht

No. 6320 – 3591 Members

James Kolve

Kevin Kujawa

No. 6350 – 421 Members

No. 6377 – 1001 Members

Earline Jones

Clara Shoals

No. 6390 – 333 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union

No. 3/CWA 14620 – 200 Members

St. Louis Newspaper Guild

No. 47/CWA 36047 – 567 Members

Al Arno

Shannon Duffy

Kevin Kleff

Typographical Union

No. 8/CWA No. 14616

150 Members

John Ebeling

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers

No. 818 – 28 Members

No. 823

No. 1104 – 20 Members

No. 1107 – 162 Members

No. 1114 – 197 Members

Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers

No.1 – 4300 Members

Tom George

Leon Arties

John Clark

John Dirksen

Yvette Goods

Jacob Hummel

Nick Obermark

Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

Michael Pendergast

No. 1439 – 752 Members

No. 1455 – 745 Members

Elevator Constructors

No. 3 - 372 Members

Operating Engineers

No. 2 – 1000 Members

Vergil Belfi

No. 148 – 697 Members

Hoisting Engineers No. 513

500 Members

Federal Labor and Trade Unions

No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)

16 members

Ed Finkelstein

Fire Fighters

No. 73 – 431 Members

No. 757 – 72 Members

No. 1889 – 144 Members

No. 2665 – 1518 Members

Terry Loehrer

No. 2677 – 21 Members

Food and Commercial Workers

Retail Store Employees, No. 655

13,829 Members

Jim Dougherty
Cynthia Blackman
Randy Charboneau
Michael Kelley
William Swift
Bryan Wynn

**Lindbergh Federation of
Food Service Employees**

Local 6006 – 58 Members

**Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic
and Allied Workers (GMP)**

Local 182B – 45 Members

American Federation of

Government Employees

No. 900 – 200 Members

No. 1336 – 25 Members

No. 1711 – 14 Members

No. 3354 – 50 Members

No. 2461

(Mine Safety & Health Admin.)

GCC/IBT

International Union

No. 38 N – 120 Members

Dennis Clancy

John Shetterley

No. 6-505M – 1845 Members

Chico Humes

Donald Osiek

Kenneth Truemper

UNITE HERE No. 74 – 2000 Members

Kevin McNatt

Iron Workers

Bridge and Structural

Iron Workers

No. 396 – 850 Members

Tom McNeil

Bill Brennell

Mike Butler

Charles Decker

Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members

No. 110 – 500 Members

No. 660 – 225 Members

Perri Pryor

No. 718 – 100 Members

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343

1400 Members

Michael Chenot

Gus Frank

Keith Gentry

Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen

No. 1652 – 16 Members

No. 1765 – 294 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41

817 Members

Stephen Branson

Michael Diefenbach

Richard Feldhaus

Michael Ribbert

Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members

Joseph DePauli

Ted Mazurek

Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members

Calvin Davis

Dave Meinell

Tony Rippetto

Dennis Schleeper

Scott Stackle

Terry Sutton

Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members

Sandra Henderson

Steve Newell

District 837 Lodge “B”

1657 Members

Bert Atkins

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members

Robert Soutier

James Dees
Joe Eccardt
Marvin Gray
Robert Kortkamp
Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members
Dick Renna
Nurses Association of MO District 2
Missouri Society for Clinical
Social Work – 12 Members
Office and Professional Employees
No. 13 – 400 Members
No. 277 – 10 Members
Plumbers and Pipefitters
No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Michael O'Mara
Brian Chumly
Sprinkler Fitters No. 268
300 Members
Police Associations
Mo. Union of Law Enforcement
No. 57 – 88 Members
Postal Workers Union
St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8
1500 Members
Roosevelt Stewart
Fred Wolfmeyer
Local 7043 – 33 Members
Professional Airways System Specialist
(PASS) Gateway Chapter, #255
43 Members
Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Wkrs.
Roofers No. 2 – 400 Members
Seafarers International Union
300 Members
Service Employees Intl. Union
No. 1 (The MO Division)
– 4181 Members
Nancy Cross
Marcia Cline
No. 880 – 111 Members
No. 2000 – 1867 Members
Barbara Black
Sheet Metal Workers
No. 36 – 1650 Members
David Zimmermann

Kirk Eidel
Joseph Zimmermann
I.A.T.S.E.
Theatrical Stage Employees,
Moving Picture Technicians,
Artists and Allied Crafts
Studio Mechanics
No. 493 – 72 Members
Theatrical Employees - (Ushers,
Usherettes and Ticket Takers)
No. B-2 – 300 Members
Theatrical Brotherhood – (Stage
Hands) No. 6 – 110 Members
Motion Picture Operators
No. 143 – 39 Members
Treasurers and Ticket Sellers
No. 774 – 71 Members
Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants
No. 805 – 22 Members
American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees
Institutional and Public Employees
No. 410
Dan Dyer
Ervin Hupp
No. 2730 – 500 Members
United Steel Workers International Union
Gasworkers
U.S.W., No. 11-6
1072 Members
Kevin Patterson
Michael Pona
U.S.W., No. 11-152
U.S.W., No. 11-194
273 Members
Richard Dury
U.S.W., No. 884
97 Members
Steelworkers
No. 9014 – 905 Members
Gary Reay
Wholesale Upholsterers
No. 25 – 35 Members
Awning & Tent Workers & Decorators
Decorators & Displaymen
No. 39 – 50 Members

Teachers

St. Louis Teachers

No. 420 – 1881 Members

Mary Armstrong

Gerard Burke

Lindbergh Federation

No. 2420 – 8 Members

Ritenour Federation

No. 3198

Junior College Dist. Federation

No. 3506 – 99 Members

Wentzville Federation of School-

Related Employees,

No. 4894 – 108 Members

Transportation Communications Union

No. 512 – 250 Members

No. 554 – 127 Members

Transit Union

No. 788 – 1500 Members

Herbert Dill

Transportation Workers of America

No. 529 – 2035 Members

Transport Workers Union

Railroad Division

No. 1647 – 10 Members

Utility Workers

No. 335 – 313 Members

Clara Faatz

U.N.I.T.E. – Union of Needletrades,

Industrial and Textile Employees

St. Louis District Joint Board

No. 56A – 91 Members

No. 104 – 75 Members

No. 108

No. 183 – 2 Members

No. 193T – 74 Members

No. 254C – 32 Members

No. 255 – 91 Members

No. 428 – 35 Members

No. 17/55-56 – 37 Members

No. 2568 – 76 Members

COUNCILS, DISTRICTS,

JOINT BOARDS

Building and Construction Trades Council

Gerald Feldhaus

Communications Workers of America

City Council

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical,

Salaried, Machine & Furniture

Workers, IUE/CWA, District 8-6

MO State Conference of Electrical Workers

MO State Council of Fire Fighters

St. Louis District Iron Workers

District Council of St. Louis & Vicinity

St. Louis Union Label and

Service Trades Council

Eastern Mo. Laborers

District Council

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

District 9

Roger Poole

District Lodge No. 837

Painter's District Council No. #2

Gary Otten

St. Louis Allied Printing Trades Council

Seafarers, St. Louis Port Council

Eastern Missouri Steel Council

SEIU MO / KS State Council

Teamsters Joint Council No. 13

AUXILIARIES

Missouri State AFL-CIO Aux.

International Brotherhood of

Electrical Workers No. 1 Aux.

Graphic Communications Aux.

Allied Printing Trades Council Aux.

Auxiliary 29 to Typographical

Union No. #8

SUPPORT GROUPS

St. Louis Labor Council

Retirees Council

St. Louis Chapter, Coalition of

Black Trade Unionists

A. Philip Randolph Institute,

St. Louis Chapter (APRI)

Coalition of Labor Union Women