

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
May 16, 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, May 16, 2006.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by 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, Mary Armstrong, Vergil Belfi, Barbara Black, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Terry Loehrer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Michael O'Mara, Kevin Patterson, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Dick Renna, Mark Selby, and Rick Smith and David Zimmermann

EXCUSED BUT RECORDED AS PRESENT: Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Roger Poole, Joseph Schonlau, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Kris Mueller of AFSCME Local #410 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 18, 2006 meeting minutes as printed, with copies available in the rear of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Soutier reported on the Change to Win unions.

Soutier reminded delegates about the Labor Day Parade entry process.

Soutier spoke on a poll conducted by Mayor Slay regarding unions.

C.O.P.E. REPORT

President Soutier read the COPE recommendations as follows:

C.O.P.E. RECOMMENDATIONS

St. Louis City Labor Club:

Collector of Revenue – Gregory F. X. Daly

License Collector – Mike McMillan

Recorder of Deeds – Sharon Quigley Carpenter

Clerk of the Circuit Court – Mariano V. Favazza

Franklin County Labor Club:

State Representative

98th District – Jim Mense

105th District – Mike Frame

109th District – Open

110th District – Belinda Harris

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations as read.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

President Soutier read the executive board report as stated:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinist's District No. 9
May 11, 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, John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Kevin Patterson, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Dick Renna, and Mark Selby,.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Vergil Belfi, Barbara Black, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Terry Loehrer, Michael O'Mara, Perri Pryor, Joe Schonlau, Rick Smith, and David Zimmerman.

Also present were Randy Kiser and Martin Casas, AFL-CIO; Lenny Jones, SEIU; and Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune.

President Soutier introduced Randy Kiser who spoke on the Minimum Wage ballot initiative.

Kiser then introduced to the delegation, Martin Casas, the new Zone Coordinator for Labor 2006.

President Soutier asked the Board if they thought an off-site retreat to discuss the strengthening of the Labor movement would be good. A motion was made, seconded and approved to set one up.

The Board had a healthy discussion on ways to grow the Labor movement.

President Soutier reminded the Board members of the COPE interviews for House District #104 to be held on Friday, May 19, 2006 at the Labor Council office.

Soutier asked for volunteer tent erectors to help erect the tent on Tuesday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Plumbers and Pipefitter's facility, for the Union Reps BBQ on the following day.

President Soutier asked people to show up on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the District #9 Hall to meet Susan Montee, candidate for State Auditor.

President Soutier read the Franklin County Labor Club COPE endorsements as follows:

State Representative 98 th District	Jim Mense
State Representative 105 th District	Same as Jefferson County
State Representative 109 th District	Open
State Representative 110 th District	Belinda Harris

“We know we cannot make an endorsement for State Senator of the 26th District, but we would like to recommend **GENE TYLER**, for the Labor Council's endorsement.”

Fraternally,
Nicholas D. Obermark, President

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the endorsements as read.

Soutier advised the Board of his discussions with IBT, Local #688 to join the Labor Council. A motion was made, seconded and approved to negotiate the Teamsters coming into Council at any level and increase in years to follow.

President Soutier called on Jim Dougherty, President of UFCW, Local #655 to speak on a resolution presented to the Board. The resolution was read as follows:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS professional nurses are vital to the delivery of quality healthcare in America; and

WHEREAS fewer and fewer men and women are entering the nursing profession because of low wages, mandatory overtime and inadequate staffing; and

WHEREAS that shortage creates a serious impact on union members and their families when they have to enter a hospital for health concerns; and

WHEREAS the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union and the Service Employees International Union have joined forces to reverse this trend so that ALL Americans can have the benefit of qualified professional nurses at the bedside when they need them; and

WHEREAS, to meet the critical need of upgrading and defending the profession of nursing the two unions have joined forces to support an established SEIU program called “ValueCare, ValueNurses” which is an innovative national effort by the SEIU’s Nurse Alliance; and

WHEREAS there are already 84,000 nurses across America involved in the Nurse Alliance effort and have won major legislative battles in state legislatures that require safer staffing levels, improved pay and working conditions which translates directly to better patient care; and

WHEREAS St. Louis UFCW, Local 655 has joined forces with the Nurse Alliance of SEIU to work together to promote the welfare of nurses – union and non-union alike – with their initial focus in the Greater St. Louis area at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis Labor Council endorses both the “ValueCare, ValueNurses” project as well as endorses and extends its full support to the UFCW and SEIU’s joint Nurse Alliance project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Labor Council encourages nurses at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center to join the “ValueCare, ValueNurses” effort because it will improve conditions for professional nurses which in turn will improve the quality of care provided to union members and families and ALL Missourians.

APPROVED this eleventh day of May, 2006 by the Executive Board of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution on nurses as amended.

President Soutier asked for COPE interviewers for the Second Congressional District. Interviewers will be John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Mark Selby, Tom McNeil, and Dick Renna. Two proposed dates were June 5 or 6, 2006. Soutier will send out letters regarding these interviews.

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

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier
President

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 598.6 for March 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Harriet Weaver, U.F.C.W. #655 advised the delegates of a barbeque on June 10, 2006 at 3431 Union Blvd.

Yvette Goods, I.B.E.W. #1 spoke about the dangers of mold and advised the delegates that if their locals would like more information on this subject, she knows about an organization that can meet with them. The meeting would last about three hours.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Dave Meinell, I.A.M. #777, advised about a town hall meeting for the Second Congressional District.

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune, spoke about a poll that appeared on Mayor Slay's website regarding unions.

President Soutier spoke on the labor club endorsement process.

Shannon Duffy, Newspaper Guild, spoke on several issues concerning the Steelworkers.

Tom George, I.B.E.W. #1, gave an update on the last legislative session.

Bob Kortkamp, ARA, spoke on the minimum wage ballot initiative.

Gerard Burk, AFT #420, spoke on teacher issues and advised the delegates of the Jefferson Days this weekend.

Yvette Goods, I.B.E.W. #1, thanked Tom George for his help this year in Jefferson City.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The community services' drawing was held.

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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May 2006

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
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

John Clark

John Dirksen

Matt Gober

Yvette Goods

Jacob Hummel

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

Mark Brueggenjohann

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

Merri Berry

Levi Eddins III

Nancy Parker

Dave Politte

William Swift

Harriett Weaver

Scott Zlatic

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
William Trendley
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
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 16 Members
No. 1765 – 294 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
817 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael Ribbert

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members
Joseph DePauli
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Tony Rippetto
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”
2000 Members
Sandra Henderson
Cheryl Mauldin

District 837 Lodge “B”
1657 Members

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949
200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345
2279 Members
Robert Soutier
Glenn Donnelly
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 Chumley

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268
300 Members
Michael Mahler

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

Ervin Hupp

Kris Mueller

No. 2730 – 500 Members

United Steel Workers International

Union Gasworkers

U.S.W., No. 11-6

1072 Members

Kevin Patterson

U.S.W., No. 11-152

U.S.W., No. 11-194

273 Members

Richard Dury

Rick Mertens

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

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)
Tony Hill
- Coalition of Labor Union Women