

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**October 17, 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, October 17, 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, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Dick Renna, and Rick Smith.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** John Ebeling, Mary Armstrong, Herb Dill, Earline Jones, Michael O'Mara, Kevin Patterson, Gary Reay, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler, Robert Sweeney, Mark Woolbright, and David Zimmermann.

**AFFILIATIONS**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

President Soutier called Joseph Feldman, Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as a Delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 19, 2006 meeting minutes as printed, with copies available in the rear of the room.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

President Soutier reported on a rally to be held Saturday, October 21, at the Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 Hall with International President of the Bricklayers John Flynn in attendance.

Soutier reminded the Delegates of the 2006 Andy Owens Community Services Dinner to be held on Friday, November 10, 2006 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

President Soutier introduced Rick de la Fuente, Assistant Political Director of the I.A.M. for an update on the 2006 elections.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

In Vice President John Ebeling's absence, President Soutier read the Executive Board report as stated.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinist's District No. 9  
October 12, 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, Chico Humes, Kevin McNatt, Michael O'Mara, Kevin Patterson, Dick Renna and John Stiffler.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Bob Sweeney, Mary Armstrong, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Earline Jones, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Rick Smith, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmerman.

Also present were John Clark, United Way; Robert Kelley, Michael Kelley, and Jack Martorelli, of The Kelley Group; and Terry Brigs from the St. Louis Special School District.

Both Bob Kelley and Jack Martorelli spoke to endorse the work being done at the Special School District.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the ballot measure.

President Soutier gave the oath of office to new Board member, John Stiffler from Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, Local #1.

President Soutier gave a report on the Labor Day Parade and thanked all who helped make it a success. Soutier announced the winners of the parade awards (Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36; UFCW, Local #655; Machinists District No. 9, Local #777; and IBEW, Local #1439, and stated that they would be given out at the Delegate meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 17.

President Soutier reminded the Board members that the date of the Andy Owens Community Services Award dinner will be held on Friday, November 10, 2006 at Norwood Hills Country Club. The honoree will be Roger Poole, Directing Business Representative, IAM District No. 9.

President Soutier gave a report on the legislative work the Council is doing and reported on several interviews he has given on various issues.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the re-affiliation of Ritenour Federation of Teachers, Local #3198.

Michael Kelley spoke to the Board regarding legislative issues.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, advised the Board that WalMart is trying to build a super center in St. Peters. Hearings will be held at St. Peters City Hall.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 - MO Division, gave an update on the nurses at St. John's Hospital. Cross stated that five discharged nurses won the arbitration cases against the Hospital and were awarded their jobs and back-pay.

A motion to invite Operating Engineers, Local #513 to be part of the Executive Board was made, seconded and approved.

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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A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as given.

A motion to exclude the endorsement of Proposition "S" from the report was made, seconded and approved.

In a separate vote, the Delegates voted not to endorse the Proposition "S" due to the fact that the Special School District has used non-union electricians in the past.

Bernie Ryan, IBEW Local #1; Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1; and Dennis Clancy, Local #38 spoke in favor of the motion to not endorse Proposition "S".

### **C.O.P.E. REPORT**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 610.9 for August 2006.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Soutier announced the winners of the 2006 Labor Day Parade Awards as follows:

1. Best Float – IBEW, Local #1439 "In Memory of Our Fallen Brothers & Sisters"
2. Best Old-Time Vehicle – Machinists District No. 9, Local #777
3. Most Unique Design – UFCW, Local #655
4. Best T-Shirts – Sheet Metal, Local #36

Soutier expressed thanks to all who participated and helped to make the 2006 Labor Day Parade a success.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 asked for help with a walk Saturday in the Hazelwood area.

Harriet Weaver UFCW, Local #655 thanked the Delegates who bought raffle tickets.

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO spoke on a poll for Claire McCaskill.

Keith Robinson, A. Phillip Randolph Institute asked for help with walks.

Sharon Penrod, SEIU Nurses Alliance gave a report on the issues at St. Johns Hospital and advised the Delegates that the nurses are strong and continue to stand up for workers' rights.

Marcia Cline SEIU, Local #1 informed the Delegates of the National Animal Identification Bill and how it will hurt small farmers.

Erv Hupp, AFXCME asked for help with walks for Barb Frasier.

#### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

.Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune reminded Delegates about the "Ten for the Troops".

#### **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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**October 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

John Stiffler

**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  
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

Tom Berger

John Clark

Yvette Goods

Jacob Hummel

Nicholas Obermark

Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

No. 1439 – 752 Members

Leo Beishir

No. 1455 – 745 Members

**Elevator Constructors**

No. 3 - 372 Members

**Operating Engineers**

No. 2 – 1000 Members

Bob Sweeney

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

Mark Woolbright

No. 2677 – 21 Members

**Food and Commercial Workers**

**Retail Store Employees, No. 655**

13,829 Members

Jim Dougherty

Cynthia Blackmon

Nikki Carlson

Randy Charboneau

Levi Eddins III

Jimmy Lappe

Kevin Ryan

William Swift  
Gary Torpea  
Nick Trupiano  
Harriett Weaver  
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  
John Shetterly  
No. 6-505M – 1845 Members  
Chico Humes  
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

Richard Feldhaus  
Michael Ribbert

**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
208 Members

Ted Mazurek

**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
2641 Members

Calvin Davis  
Tony Rippetto  
Dennis Schleeper  
Terry Sutton  
Ron Wolff

**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
2000 Members

Rick Smith  
Sandra Henderson  
Cheryl Mauldin  
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  
Glenn Donnelly  
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

Paul Winslow

**Plumbers and Pipefitters**

**No. 562** -- 1000 Members  
Michael O'Mara

**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  
**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

**Sheet Metal Workers**  
No. 36 – 1650 Members  
David Zimmermann  
Joseph Feldman  
Jason Randl

**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  
Errol Stanfield

**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**  
Daniel Dyer  
Erv 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  
**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