

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**April 17, 2007**  
**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 17, 2007.

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, Donald Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, Pat White and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Herb Dill, Roger Poole, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

**AFFILIATIONS**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

President Soutier called Palmer Alexander, Transport Workers Local #529, Jason Randl, Sheet Metal Workers Local #36, and Valdus Turner, IAMAW-Aerospace Local #837A, 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 20, 2007 meeting minutes as printed, with copies available in the rear of the room.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

President Soutier reported on preparations for the Labor Day Parade and advised the delegates that this year we will have a theme of "Labor Supporting Our Troops". President Soutier asked that all unions wear the

same red, white and blue t-shirts. Soutier indicated that pricing from the vendors who bid on the shirts would be sent out to affiliates.

President Soutier spoke on the Labor Summit, to be held June 10 to June 13 at Lodge of the Four Seasons. He advised the labor leaders to contact the Labor Council office if they have not received information.

President Soutier reminded the delegates about the U.F.C.W. rally regarding WalMart at the post office on Market Street after the Council meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

President Soutier called upon Vice President John Ebeling to read the Executive Board Report as follows:

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinist's District No. 9  
April 12, 2007

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 8:30 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, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, Pat White, and David Zimmerman.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Don Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Gerald Feldhaus, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; and John Clark, United Way.

Earline Jones, President CWA, Local #6377 spoke to the Board about internet broadband policies termed "Speed Matters" and passed out materials.

Jones also spoke on the Girl Scouts and asked the Board to allow Marsha Barber to attend a meeting and speak.

Board members voted on the design for the Labor Day t-shirts.

President Soutier advised the Board that he would contact the vendor responsible for the design, and fax pricing from all the vendors. Soutier indicated that we must act quickly in order to receive the shirts in time for Labor Day.

President Soutier spoke on the Labor Summit the Council is planning in June 2007. A copy of a proposed agenda was handed out to all Board members and Soutier urged all to attend.

President Soutier asked for volunteers to be interviewed by the Summit facilitator prior to the Summit. John Stiffler, Business Manager Asbestos Workers, Local #1; Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division; and Jim Dougherty, President UFCW, Local #655 all agreed to be interviewed.

John Ebeling, President St. Louis Allied Printing Trades Council handed out information pertaining to an 18% discount with Cingular Wireless.

Jim Dougherty, UFCW, Local #655 advised the Board of a rally (regarding WalMart) on Tuesday and asked all to attend.

President Soutier informed the Board that the Labor Council has received conformation from a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient indicating that he will accept the position of Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

President Soutier advised the Board that the Council has been contacted by the AFL-CIO pension plan about joining the plan. Soutier stated that in the past, the costs were too great due to the length of service of the president and secretary-treasurer. Soutier shared with the Board the cost associated with the pension plan and indicated that because of the short length of service now for him and the staff, we would be able to join the national plan. A motion was made, seconded and approved to enter into the AFL-CIO pension plan. The Board would like final numbers when they become available.

The Board asked that the Washington University students attending labor classes give a presentation to the Board.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier  
President

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 609.954 for February 2007.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Ott, Painters District Council #2, asked a question about the Labor Day shirts and how to get them. President Soutier advised him that information would be out within one week to all affiliates that will be in the parade.

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO, asked delegates to call Claire McCaskill's office to thank her for her support of the Employee Free Choice Act.

Keith Gentry, Letter Carriers Local #343, advised the delegates about the food drive his union is sponsoring.

Earline Jones, C.W.A. Local #6377, spoke regarding high speed internet and the costs. Jones also spoke on the offer made by Cingular, the only union cell phone company to give union officers an 18% discount. President Soutier urged all unions to use Cingular.

John Clark, IBEW Local #1, spoke on the United Way Community Services Conference.

Don Osiek, GCC/IBT Local #6-505M, reminded all unions to seek the union-printing label. He gave out information on the union shops.

Yvette Goods, IBEW Local #1, spoke on the CORO program. She also advised the delegates that any hand-made items on the tables could be purchased and the money would go to the IBEW auxiliary.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **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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**April 2007 - Amended**

The following Delegates were present:

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

**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  
Keith Robinson  
**No. 6320** – 3591 Members  
Jim Kolve  
**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  
Tony Pecinovsky

**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 Dirksen

Matt Gober

Yvette Goods

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

Don Giljum

**No. 148** – 697 Members

**Hoisting Engineers No. 513**

500 Members

Jeff Aboussie

**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

David Cook

Judy Davidson

Levi Eddins III

Nick Trupiano

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  
William Sullivan  
**No. 6-505M** – 1845 Members  
Chico Humes  
Don Osiek  
Ken Truemper  
**UNITE HERE No. 74** – 2000 Members  
Kevin McNatt  
**Iron Workers**  
**Bridge and Structural  
Iron Workers**  
**No. 396** – 850 Members  
Tom McNeil  
**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  
Mike Chenot  
Gus Frank  
Keith Gentry  
Robinette Hensley  
Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
**No. 1652** – 16 Members  
**No. 1765** – 294 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers  
Progressive Lodge No. 41**

817 Members  
Stephen Branson  
Richard Feldhaus  
Larry Williams  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
208 Members  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
2641 Members  
Calvin Davis  
Dave Meinell  
Dennis Schleeper  
Ron Wolff  
**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
2000 Members  
Rick Smith  
Ron Evola  
Cheryl Mauldin  
Steve Newell  
Valdus Turner  
**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  
Marvin Gray  
Robert Kortkamp  
**Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members**  
**Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members**  
**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  
Patrick Kellett  
**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  
**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  
**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  
Kris Mueller  
**No. 2730** – 500 Members  
**United Steel Workers International**  
**Union Gasworkers**  
**U.S.W., No. 11-6**  
1072 Members

Pat White  
Mark Boyle  
**U.S.W., No. 11-152**  
**U.S.W., No. 11-194**  
273 Members  
**U.S.W., No. 884**  
97 Members  
**Steelworkers**  
**No. 9014** – 905 Members  
Gary Reay  
Rick Dury  
Judy Eggers  
**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  
**Transport Workers of America**  
**No. 529** – 2035 Members  
Palmer Alexander  
**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  
Painters' 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 D. Hill  
Coalition of Labor Union Women