

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
August 21, 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, August 21, 2007.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Donald Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Jim Dougherty, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, Pat White, and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

AFFILIATIONS

President Soutier read a request from the Painters District Council #2 to affiliate with the Greater St. Louis Labor Council. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow them to affiliate.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 17, 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Soutier reported on the Labor Day Parade and the Homeless Hero's coat fund.

Soutier then spoke on Senate Bill S1992 that extends the recall rights for displaced T.W.A. employees. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the bill.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Machinists District No. 9 Hall

Thursday, August 16, 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, Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Earline Jones, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Rick Smith, and David Zimmermann.

Also present were John Clark United Way; Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO; Jack Martorelli and Michael Kelley, The Kelley Group; Roz Sherman-Voellinger, University of MO Extension; Robert Kortkamp, MO ARA; and Jim Rasmussen, Incredible Engravings.

President Soutier introduced Jim Rasmussen from Incredible Engravings and stated that Incredible Engravings is a union engraving shop.

Mr. Rasmussen gave the Board a brief presentation on his company and offered to help all unions with any awards or trophy needs they may have.

President Soutier advised the Board that for the first time in many years, the Painters District Council has requested to affiliate with the Labor Council. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the affiliation.

President Soutier introduced Mike Kelley and Jack Martorelli of The Kelley Group. Soutier informed the Board members that the Kelley Group made the affiliation of the Painters possible.

Both Mike and Jack spoke on how they would like to help the Council on implementing the plans set forth at the Labor Summit.

Jack Martorelli then spoke on future plans to increase affiliations to the Labor Council.

President Soutier appointed Pat Kellett, Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 to chair a committee to come up with rules for primary endorsements.

Tony Ellebracht, Kevin McNatt, Tom George and Pat White volunteered to serve on the newly formed committee.

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President Soutier reported to the Board that there would be a one-day Media Class sponsored by the Labor Council and Roz Sherman Voellinger of the University of MO Extension to be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at the Sprinkler Fitters Hall.

Soutier advised the Board that this was one of the priorities set forth at the Labor Summit and that the cost would be \$100 per person to attend. Soutier also stated that any money in excess would go into the Educational Fund for future use.

President Soutier explained that the class would be taught by professional consultants and would deal with setting up press conferences, issuing news releases and teach how to deal with the media in general. He also stated that all participants would receive a copy of the media guide containing names, addresses, and phone numbers of television, radio and print reporters in the St. Louis area.

A discussion was held on the 23rd State Senate vacancy. A motion was made and seconded to hold open the 23rd State Senate seat since this is a special election and interviews could not be held quickly enough.

President Soutier advised the Board that the Labor Council's new website is now up and running. The web address is www.stlclc.org. Soutier stated that any affiliate wishing to have information placed on the website should contact Karen Lyons at the Council office.

Soutier reminded the Board that the 2007 Andy Owens Community Service Award will go to Steve Schoemehl, Business Manager of IBEW, Local #1, and the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award will go to Gary Dollar, President of the Greater St. Louis United Way. This year's awards ceremony will be held on Friday, November 9, 2007 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

Soutier spoke on the 2007 NAACP/Labor Dialogue Conference and Luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 27, 2007. Soutier said that Michael O'Mara, Pipefitters, Local #562 and Michael Yates, Operating Engineers, Local #148 would be given awards that day.

President Soutier reminded the Board that the only true "Labor Guide" is the one put out by Tim Green. All others are phony.

Soutier reminded everyone of the DO-BUY list that he and Roz Sherman Voellinger are working on and said that more information will be coming.

Soutier also reminded the Board of the Homeless Heroes Coat Drive being held on Labor Day 2007. He said that a large percentage of the homeless in the St. Louis area are veterans that need our help and that there will be a depository truck stationed on Olive Street at the Parade to collect coats for the homeless.

Mary Armstrong, AFT, Local #420 spoke on the need for a vocational high school in St. Louis.

John Clark, United Way reminded the Board that the kickoff campaign is now underway.

Bob Kortkamp, President, MO ARA informed everyone of the meeting he will host on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at the IAM District No. 9 Hall.

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved to leave open the 23rd State Senate race.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 624.129 for June 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hamilton, St. Louis Teachers, Local #420 rose to speak on the funding of the St. Louis public schools.

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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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
No. 6320 – 3591 Members
No. 6350 – 421 Members
No. 6377 – 1001 Members
Earline Jones
No. 6390 – 333 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union
No. 3/CWA 14620 – 200 Members

St. Louis Newspaper Guild
No. 47/CWA 36047 – 567 Members
Laurie Waterhouse

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
Matt Gober
Jacob Hummel
Bernie Ryan
No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 408 Members
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

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

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
William Sullivan
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
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
Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremens

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

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41
817 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael Diefenbach
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members
Mark Conner
Michael Hahn
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Tony Rippetto
Dennis Schleeper
Scott Stackle
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members
Rick Smith
Ron Evola
Steve Newell
Tim Randall

District 837 Lodge “B”

1657 Members
Bert Atkins

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members
Robert Soutier
Ellen Arbogast
James Dees
Glenn Donnelly
Joe Eccardt
Robert Kortkamp

Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members

Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members

Gary Smith
Vicky Smolik

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 Pipe Fitters

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

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
Ed LaPorte
Kevin Oliver

No. 880 – 111 Members

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

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**

U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6
1072 Members

Pat White
Mark Boyle
Scot Owens
Michael Re'

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

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

273 Members
Judy Eggers
Paul Presson

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
James Hamilton

**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 Union 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)
Coalition of Labor Union Women