

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
December 18, 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, December 18, 2007.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of Patrick J. Hickey, III retired member of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 and John Triplett, Organizer with Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused and Recorded as Present: Gerald Feldhaus, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier William Boevingloh, Carl Farrell, Gene Kappler, and Gary Otten, all of Painters District Council #2 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local union as Delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the November 20, 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Machinist's District No. 9 Hall
Thursday, December 13, 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.

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A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Tony Ellebracht, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, and Rick Smith.

Also present were John Clark of the United Way; Ed Finkelstein of the Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman-Voellinger of the University of Missouri Extension; also Hugh McVey, Herb Johnson and Randy Kiser of the Missouri AFL-CIO.

President Soutier introduced Randy Kiser for a presentation on Labor 2008.

The Board discussed two early endorsement requests from Jennifer Joyce and Jamilah Nasheed. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved not to endorse until after the filing period ends for both candidates.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the Andy Owens Community Services and Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor awards dinner to be held on Friday, February 22, 2008.

President Soutier recommended the Board give a Christmas bonus to the Labor Council staff excluding him. A motion was made to give Karen Lyons, Assistant to the President a \$500 bonus, and Kathryn Souders, Administrative Assistant, a \$250 bonus. An additional motion was made seconded and approved to increase the staff and president's pay by 2.5% effective January 1, 2008.

Soutier informed the Board that he had invited the candidates for Attorney General to speak at the January delegate meeting.

A discussion was held on the Ten for the Troops fund. Ed Finkelstein mentioned that we have not had any requests for assistance in over one year. A motion was made, seconded and approved to move the money to the Five for the Fight fund. A total of \$9,192.91 will be moved.

Vice President Roger Poole, IAM&AW District No. 9 spoke on the strike at Valley Ford and explained how the employer is trying to break the union. Poole requested that Valley Ford be placed on the AFL-CIO "DO NOT PATRONIZE" list. A motion was made, seconded and approved to do so.

All Executive Board members donated \$25 gift certificates to the striking members of both the Machinists, Local #777 and Teamsters, Local #618.

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President Soutier indicated that a collection would also be held at the Christmas party following the Board meeting.

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.

President Soutier reported on his meeting with "Focus St. Louis" a group of up-and-coming business leaders and others in the St. Louis area.

President Soutier thanked the delegates for the support they have shown to him and the Labor Council during his past run as president, and he also thanked both the IBEW and the Machinists for the use of the union halls in 2007.

Soutier informed the delegates that all three candidates for Attorney General would speak to them at the January 2008 meeting.

President Soutier advised the delegates that the January Executive Board meeting has been cancelled and that all future Board meetings in 2008 would begin at 10:00 a.m. to allow the traffic to subside, due to the Highway 64 (40) shut-down.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 629.598 for November 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 asked the delegates to sign her book "Radical Unionism."

Byron Clemmons, AFT, Local #420 advised the delegates that his union will be entering negotiations and to be aware of the scam that school vouchers would be.

Tony Rippetto, IAM Lodge #777 advised the delegates of a rally to be held on Saturday, December 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in support of the striking Valley Ford workers. He asked all delegates and unions to attend.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Chico Humes, GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

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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December 2007

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
Tony Pecinovsky
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
Yvette Goods
Jacob Hummel

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members
Mike Pendergast
Jeff White

No. 1439 – 752 Members
Mark Staffne

No. 1455 – 745 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 372 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 697 Members
Don Giljum

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

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
Donald Osiek

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
Mike 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
Ted Mazurek

Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Tony Rippetto
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”
2000 Members
Rick Smith
Ron Evola
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
Joseph Eccardt
Robert Kortkamp

Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members
Gary Smith

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 Pipe Fitters
No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Patrick Kellett
Scott Ramshaw

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

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

Jack Beckman

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

Ervin Hupp

Kris Mueller

No. 2730 – 500 Members

**United Steel Workers International
Union**

U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6

1072 Members

Pat White

Rod Herrmann

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

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

273 Members

Richard Dury

Judy Eggers

Pat Wynn

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

Byron Clemens

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
Kevin Kenny
Bill Boevingloh
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

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