

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
July 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, July 17, 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, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Donald Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Rick Smith, John Stiffler, and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: John Ebeling, Tony Ellebracht, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Roger Poole, Gary Smith, Pat White, and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier and Executive Assistant, Karen Lyons drew numbered ping-pong balls for the 2007 Labor Day Parade line-up.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Eric Davis and Robert Spence both of UFCW, Local #655 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 June 19, 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Soutier gave a brief report on the Labor Day Parade and stated that other veterans groups would be marching with the unions this year.

Soutier advised the Delegates that due to some staging restrictions, unions such as the Operating Engineers and Teamsters would be given dedicated spaces in the parade.

Soutier asked the unions to provide more parade marshals since we are about 90 short of last year's marshal participation.

President Soutier informed the Delegates that the Parade Marshal's meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled Delegate meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the IBEW, Local #1 Hall.

In Vice President Ebeling's absence, President Soutier read the Executive Board report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Machinists District No. 9 Hall

Thursday, July 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, Jeff Aboussie, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, John Stiffler and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Herb Dill, John Ebeling, Jim Dougherty, Don Giljum, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; John Clark United Way; Marcia Barber, CEO Greater St. Louis Girl Scouts Association; John Rossini and Allan Roman, CITRMS; Roz Sherman-Voellinger, University of MO Extension; Roosevelt Stewart, Postal Workers; and Reverend Mark Harvey.

Gary Smith, Musicians Association of St. Louis, #2-197 was sworn in as a new member of the St. Louis Labor Council Executive Board by President Robert Soutier.

President Soutier asked Vice President Earline Jones to introduce Marcia Barber, CEO of the Greater St. Louis Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Barber spoke to the Board about her organization and gave examples of how the labor movement could help the girl scouts.

President Soutier introduced John Rossini and Allan Roman for a presentation on identity theft and a discussion on how each union should be protected.

Roz Sherman-Voellinger spoke to the Board about the services she can offer through the University of Missouri Extension program to help unions and the members they represent.

President Soutier informed the Board that Roz will be setting up a media class for staff reps in dealing with the media. President Soutier stated that it is important to get the correct message out when asked a question by a reporter. Both Sherman-Voellinger and Soutier will work on dates and times for the session.

Roosevelt Stewart, Postal Workers Union spoke to the Board about a program called “Labor in the Pulpits” and asked for support around Labor Day.

Reverend Mark Harvey addressed the Board and spoke on the importance of getting into the churches and speaking about worker issues.

President Soutier read a proclamation submitted by the Newspaper Guild. A motion was made, seconded and approved to support the proclamation as read:

Proclamation

Whereas: On October 13, 2006, Al Arno, a 28-year member of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild was unjustly discharges.

Whereas: Confronting sudden unemployment is a daunting task that can devastate even the most fortunate and resourceful among us. Let it be known that Al Arno stared it down with an easy smile and good humor that serves as an inspiration to all who know him.

Whereas: Throughout his ordeal, Al worked daily to support and advance the cause of unionism. Al never wavered in his commitment to his union and his union, in turn, never wavered in its commitment to him. Al’s Guild brothers and sisters stayed in contact, keeping Al in their thoughts and their prayers and acting collectively on his behalf.

Now therefore be it resolved: that, upon his rightful return to work, the St. Louis Labor Council and the 240,000 working families it represents, salute our brother, Al Arno for his courage and grace during a most difficult period and welcome him home. He has been missed.

Let it be further resolved that the St. Louis Newspaper Guild be recognized for its unending vigilance in standing up for – and protecting – it members’ rights.

Approved this day, July 19, 2007

President Soutier advised the Board that 2007 will be an election year and he asked the Board to run as a slate as we have done in the past. Soutier indicated that letters of acceptance would be sent to each Board member, which they must sign and return to the Labor Council office.

President Soutier asked the Board to approve the hiring of The Kelley Group to assist in affiliate recruitment with a goal being a 20% increase in affiliations. After much discussion, a motion was made to adjust the length of the contract to six months. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the request.

Soutier advised the Board of a request by the Sitemann Cancer Center for labor to help in their fundraising effort “Circus to Save Lives”. After a long discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved not to become involved at this time.

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Ed Finkelstein offered to run a story in the Labor Tribune about the Circus.

President Soutier advised the Board that an organization called Paralyzed Veterans of America would like the Labor Council to mail out to all unions a copy of the flyer announcing their golf tournament on September 10, 2007. The Board agreed to let this flyer be sent to all affiliated unions.

Soutier reminded the Board members to save the date of November 9, 2007 for the Andy Owens Community Service Dinner. Soutier also stated that this year the Labor Council would add a new award to be presented to a business person not in labor. This new award will be called the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award.

Lenny Jones, SEIU gave a presentation on the Working Families Committee and urged unions to join.

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune advised the Board members about the Right to Work survey he has been working on and indicated that it will be out next month.

Ed also spoke on Post Office increases being planned and said that he does not know the impact it will have on the Tribune.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division reminded the Board that the election at St. Johns Hospital would be held on August 8 through 11, 2007. Cross asked the Board members to hold August 1, 2007 open for a rally for the nurses with a location and time yet to be determined.

Pat Kellett, Business Rep, Plumbers & Pipefitters, Local #562 reminded the Board about the picnic in the park on Saturday by Rockwood and Tri-County Labor Clubs.

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 622.921 for May 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Kortkamp, President of MO ARA rose to advise the Delegates of a meeting to be held at Machinists District No. 9 Hall on St. Charles Rock Road, on August 22 at 9:00 a.m. where a number of issues concerning senior citizens will be discussed.

Pat Winn from USW-Gas Workers, #11-194 presented President Bob Soutier with \$126.00 for the Homeless Heroes Coat Fund which they collected at their last meeting.

Roz Sherman-Voellinger advised the Delegates that everyone is welcome to take the bandanas and coloring books which were left over from the CRAFT program. They are available at the entrance of the hall and can be used as handouts at the Labor Day Parade.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 notified the Delegates of a C.P.R. training class being held at St. Paul AME Church on September 5 & 6, 2007.

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune spoke on postal issues that would affect the Labor Tribune. Ed told the Delegates that the Tribune would now be going to press on Mondays; one day earlier than usual.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, #1 MO Division, advised the Delegates that the Labor Rally planned for August 1, 2007 has been cancelled.

GOOD AND WELFARE

President Soutier welcomed back to work Marcia Cline of the United Way. Marcia had been away in the hospital and recuperating from wrist surgery.

NOTE: Please note that Tim Randall and Ron Evola of District 837, Lodge A were listed under the wrong union heading in last month's minutes. They were listed under Machinists 777 instead of District 837-A. The Labor Council staff apologizes for this error.

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

July 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

Typographical Union No. 8/CWA No. 14616
150 Members

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
John Dirksen
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Nicholas Obermark
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

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

Judy Davidson

Eric Davis

Levi Eddins III

Michael Kelley

Robert Kelley

Nancy Parker

Dave Politte

Kevin Ryan
Robert Spence
Gary Torpea
Harriet Weaver

**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
Kenneth Truemper

UNITE HERE No. 74 – 2000 Members
Kevin McNatt

Iron Workers
**Bridge and Structural
Iron Workers**
No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil
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
Gus Frank
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

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members

Dave Meinell
Tony Rippetto
Dennis Schleeper
Scott Stackle
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”
2000 Members

Rick Smith
Ron Evola
Cheryl Mauldin
Steve Newell
Tim Randall
Valdus Turner

District 837 Lodge “B”
1657 Members

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949
200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345
2279 Members

Robert Soutier
Ellen Arbogast
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 Pipe Fitters
No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Patrick Kellett

Brian Chumley
 Scott Ramshaw
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

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
 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
 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
 Michael Re’

U.S.W., No. 11-152
U.S.W., No. 11-194
 273 Members
 Richard Dury
 Judy Eggers
 Paul Presson
 Patricia 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
 Ray Cummings

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
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
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