

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
June 19, 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, June 19, 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 for Brother William Swift, retired UFCW, Local #655 and Karen Corcoran, wife of State Representative, Michael Corcoran.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

David Meinell, retired member of Machinists, Local #777 will be replacing Brother William Swift as Sergeant-at-Arms at our monthly Delegate meetings.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused and Recorded as Present: Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 15, 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Soutier reported on preparations for the Labor Day Parade and advised that this year's theme will be "Labor Supports the Troops".

Soutier asked that all unions wear the same red, white, and blue shirts to show unity and support on parade day.

President Soutier also informed the Delegates of the "Homeless Heroes Coat Fund" sponsored by the St. Louis Labor Council. He stated that donations could be sent to the Council office and that we would have a

truck available on the parade route September 3, 2007, to collect new and gently used coats for homeless veterans.

President Soutier advised the Delegates that the Southern Illinois Labor Council and the Madison County Labor Council will be looking for riders to fill a 55-person bus to Chicago for the AFL-CIO Candidate Forum on August 7, 2007.

Soutier asked any Delegate wishing to go to call the Labor Council office for more information.

President Soutier gave a special thanks to the sponsors of the 2007 Labor Summit held this month at the Lake of the Ozarks. The Summit's success was due largely due to the support of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, The Kelley Group, Pulaski Bank and The Labor Tribune/Union Communications.

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: Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by President Robert A. Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Judy Davidson (for Jim Dougherty) Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Tom George, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Rick Smith, John Stiffler and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Joe Schonlau, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; John Clark and Marcia Cline, United Way; Steve Branstetter, Vice President Pulaski Bank and Randy Kiser, MO AFL-CIO.

President Soutier informed the Board that the original idea of every union ordering t-shirts with a unified logo for the Labor Day Parade had been abandoned, but said that each union participating should still order red, white and blue t-shirts with their own logo.

John Ebeling, President St. Louis Allied Printing Trades Council, explained that "Varsity Gear," the company chosen to do the logo depicting the American Flag and "unions" and "troops" in unity, refused to lend out their logo to other printing companies.

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John Stiffler, Business Manager, Asbestos Workers, Local #1 mentioned that he had already ordered his t-shirts for his local in the red, white, and blue with the Asbestos Workers' logo on the left breast pocket. He said that it takes a while to get these reproduced and suggested that time is of the essence in getting these completed by the September 3rd date of the parade.

It was also discussed that the color "blue" in the red, white and blue scenario should be "navy blue."

President Soutier also made mention of the fact that the parade this year, would also be honoring homeless veterans with a coat drive. Since such a large portion of the homeless in St. Louis are veterans and are in desperate need of warm clothing during the winter months.

Ed Finkelstein said that the "Homeless Heroes' Coat Fund" would be accepting cash donations as well as new and gently used coats. The coats can be dropped off during the parade route to specially marked containers and trucks.

John Stiffler suggested that some may want to bring coats to their union halls to be picked up instead of bringing them to the parade.

Finkelstein said that arrangements could be made for them to be picked up from unions.

President Soutier stated that the Labor Council elections are scheduled for this year and the nominations will be made at the November 20, 2007 Delegate meeting, and the election will be held at the December 18, 2007 meeting. According to the Constitution, the nomination forms will be provided at the next meeting.

President Soutier stated that the 2007 Labor Day Parade application letter, along with the Marshal application letter had been mailed on June 6, 2007.

President Soutier announced that due to the death of our long-time friend and member of UFCW, Local #655 and Sergeant-at-Arms of our Delegate meetings, Bill Swift, he would need to appoint a new Sergeant-at-Arms. The suggested appointee was David Meinell, IAM Automotive Lodge #777.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Dave Meinell to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms, replacing Bill Swift.

Let the record show that the position was offered to Fred Sexauer, but declined.

President Soutier read the new 2007 United Way Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, enthusiastically supports the United Way because we believe it to be the way to meet the many needs of all our citizens in the area of health, welfare, and social services through nearly 200 agencies; and

WHEREAS: There can be no doubt that the United Way possesses the talent and ability to assure the highest degree of use for the voluntary dollars collected than any other group or any other fundraising campaign because of its experience and expertise; and

WHEREAS: when the leadership of the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, has called upon the United Way labor staff to provide assistance to union brothers and sisters, the response has been swift and extremely positive; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, through its Community Services Committee, endorses the 2007 United Way Campaign, "Give Today, Help Today," and urges all members of organized labor to assume their community responsibilities by making their Fair Share contribution to the 2007 United Way Campaign.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert A. Soutier, President

Voted on and adopted at the St. Louis Labor Council Executive Board Meeting on _____,
and at the Council Delegate Body Meeting on _____.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the resolution as read.

Roger Poole, Dir. Bus. Rep. Machinists District 9 stated that the unions need to be strong, and show a better front, and give an extra "push" on United Way issues.

A short discussion of the United Way and the unions' involvement followed.

John Clark interjected that one way the unions could get more involved would be to encourage new businesses to allow them to run the United Way Campaign to their employees. John stated that labor helps approximately 350 families a year directly, through the Union Way.

President Soutier announced to the Board members that the new directory should be out shortly, and that it is extremely difficult for the Council to keep the directory current without the help of the members letting us know in a timely manner any changes that have taken place within the respective unions.

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Soutier told the members that he had been contemplating forming a committee to reach out to non-affiliated unions to find out “why” they are not part of the Labor Council

A discussion followed on that topic with Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division asking if per-capita payments were the issue. Judy Davidson, UFCW, Local #655 agreed to be part of any committee to help and stated that she has connections at UFCW, Local #88 that might be able to give some answers.

A further discussion ensued as to why some unions may not be part of the Labor Council. The discussion included: Pat White, Bus. Rep. USW-Gas Workers, Local #11-6, Roger Poole, John Stiffler, Ed Finkelstein, Kevin McNatt, President UNITE HERE, Local #74, and Herb Dill, President, Transit Union, Local #788.

President Soutier stated that his main objective is to be able to say that the Labor Council represents **ALL** Unions!

Kevin McNatt made the statement that he thought the 2007 Labor Summit meeting was a great success, and that the way in which it was given was enjoyable and beneficial.

The majority of the Board members agreed with that statement.

Nancy Cross gave a short report on the Nurses Alliance.

Randy Kiser informed the Board members of a workers’ roundtable event on the Employee Free Choice Act, to be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Schnucks classroom at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park. (Participants in the discussion should be there at 9:15 a.m.)

President Soutier thanked everyone involved in the organization and success of the 2007 Labor Summit.

Soutier also gave special thanks to all the sponsors of the Labor Summit; The Kelley Group, Labor Tribune, Union Communications, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and Pulaski Bank.

President Soutier mentioned the fact that Pulaski Bank was a bank for the “working man” and very much pro-union and willing to help out in any way. Soutier gave a special note of thanks to Steve Branstetter, Senior VP of Pulaski Bank for sponsoring and attending the first-ever Labor Summit.

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 619.140 for April 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

President Soutier asked the Delegates to approve the 2007 United Way resolution. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the resolution as read.

Fred Sexauer advised the Delegates that the American Legion Post 106 serves dinner to homeless veterans every year.

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO Field Rep spoke on the Employee Free Choice Act and thanked Congressman Carnahan for his support.

Jim Hamilton, AFT, Local #420 spoke on public school issues and problems with the Board. Hamilton feels that the St. Louis Public Schools are being used as a political pawn.

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune announced the winners of the Boy's Club Raffle. Ed also reported on postal increases that will affect the Labor Tribune's mailing prices.

Jim Kolve, CWA, Local #6320 informed the group of a golf tournament to be held for "Voices for Children".

John Clark, IBEW, Local #1 thanked the Delegates for the support of the United Way Resolution.

Clark also reported that Marcia Cline was taken to the hospital for treatment on her wrist and was not doing well. President Soutier stated that we would keep her in our hearts.

Earline Jones, President, CWA, Local #6377 reminded the Delegates that we have "women" veterans who are also homeless.

Jack Beckman, Business Manager Stagehand, Local #6 reported on problems at the St. Louis Convention Center.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 reported to the delegation that she had attended the CBTU Conference and heard presidential candidate Barack Obama speak. Goods said that Obama gave his support for unions and workers.

Mike Diefenbach, IAM, Local #41 spoke out against articles written the Post Dispatch that were negative press against the unions.

Bob Kelley, President Emeritus St. Louis Labor Council rose to speak about his friend Bill Swift.

Jeff Aboussie, Operating Engineers, Local #513 advised the Delegates that the Rockwood and Tri-County Labor Clubs will sponsor a picnic in Forest Park on July 14, 2007 that will feature a tug-of-war contest starting at 11:00 a.m.

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

Cynthia Warren

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

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

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

Tom Berger

John Clark

John Dirksen

Matt Gober

Yvette Goods

Jacob Hummel

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

Merri Berry

Randy Charboneau

David Cook

Robert Kelley
Nick Trupiano
Harriet 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
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
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**

Pamela Stepney

**Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 16 Members
No. 1765 – 294 Members
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
817 Members**

Michael Diefenbach
Richard Feldhaus
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams

**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members
Ted Mazurek
Al Mieger**

**Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members
Mark Conner
Calvin Davis
Ron Evola
Mike Louis
Dave Meinell
Tim Randall
Tony Rippetto
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton**

**District 837 Lodge “A”
2000 Members
Rick Smith
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
Glenn Donnelly
Joe Eccardt

**Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members
Jan Scott**

**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
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
 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
 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
 Mark Boyle
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
 Gerard Burke
 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
 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)
 Tony D. Hill
 Coalition of Labor Union Women