

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
November 20, 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, November 20, 2007.

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Donald Giljum, 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, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Gerald Feldhaus, Joe Schonlau, Rick Smith, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Brandon Flinn, Raymond Linehan, Richard McLaughlin, and Jeffrey O'Connell of Laborers' International Union of N.A., Local #42; Steven Kraemer, and Thomas Leonard of Sheet Metal Workers', Local #36; and Nicole Rich of the United Food and Commercial Workers, Local #655 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 October 16, 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier turned the gavel over to First Vice President John Ebeling to preside over the nomination of President to the St. Louis Labor Council.

Ebeling recognized delegate Roger Poole, Directing Business Representative, IAM District No. 9. Poole nominated Robert A. Soutier for President to the St. Louis Labor Council. Jim Dougherty, President UFCW, Local #655 seconded the nomination of Soutier. Vice President Ebeling called three times for additional nominations for President. With no delegates rising with additional nominations, Ebeling called and end to nominations for President. Ebeling asked the delegates to approve the nomination and will direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Robert A. Soutier for President of the St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier assumed control of the chair and opened the floor for additional nominations. Soutier asked for nominations for First Vice President to the St. Louis Labor Council. Soutier recognized Roger Poole, who nominated John Ebeling for the office of First Vice President. Jim Dougherty seconded the nomination. President Soutier called three times for additional nominations. With no further nominations, Soutier asked the delegates to approve the nomination and he will direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for John Ebeling as First Vice President of the St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier then called for nominations for Second Vice President. Roger Poole nominated Don Giljum, with a second from Jim Dougherty. Soutier called for nominations three times. With no other nominations, Soutier asked the delegates to approve the nomination of Don Giljum as Second Vice President of the St. Louis Labor Council.

Soutier opened the floor for nominations for Vice Presidents of the Labor Council. Delegate Dave Meinell rose to nominate the following nominees: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright, and David Zimmerman. President Soutier called three times for additional nominations. With no other nominations being made, President Soutier asked the delegates to approve the nominations. Soutier will direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees to be Vice Presidents of the St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier opened the floor for nominations for Sergeant-At-Arms. Soutier recognized Herb Dill, President Transit Union, Local #788 who nominated Robert Kortkamp and Dave Meinell for those positions. Kevin McNatt, President UNITE HERE, Local #74 seconded the nominations. After calling three times for further nominations, Soutier closed nominations and asked the delegates to approve the nominees and will direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above mentioned to be Sergeants-At-Arms of the St. Louis Labor Council.

With no other offices to be voted on, Soutier closed nominations for 2007.

President Soutier read a resolution from the Missouri AFL-CIO. The resolution is as follows:

In America No One Should Go Without Health Care

WHEREAS, the standard of comprehensive, affordable health care coverage tied to work that unions built over five decades is being eroded by rapidly rising health care costs; and

WHEREAS, children and pre-Medicare retirees are at high risk of losing employer-provided health benefits; and

WHEREAS, health expenditures per person in the United States are twice that of the average other industrialized nation; and

WHEREAS, a major factor in high US health expenses are the exorbitant administrative fees associated with private insurance, which average six times higher than administrative costs in Medicare; and

WHEREAS, excessively high health care costs are putting private sector employers that provide good health benefits at a disadvantage to competitors both internationally and domestically, and

WHEREAS, excessive costs are also threatening the health benefits of public sector workers; and

WHEREAS, the ranks of uninsured Americans jumped 22% from 2000 to 2006 and now number 47 million people, including 8.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, authoritative studies show that Americans receive the right care only half of the time when we take ill; and

WHEREAS, people of color have lower coverage rates, higher mortality rates in many disease categories, and poorer quality of care overall; and

WHEREAS, women are less likely to be eligible for or able to afford their part of employer-sponsored health care; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Council of the national AFL-CIO voted to launch a renewed effort to win comprehensive health care reform for all Americans at its August, 2007 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the national AFL-CIO has called on all its affiliated bodies to support this effort by joining in a nationwide health care reform campaign to build support for enactment of Federal legislation consistent with the principles for reform adopted by the Executive Council in March, 2007.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri AFL-CIO endorses the health care reform principles of the national AFL-CIO and pledges to mobilize union members and their families in the state of Missouri in support of these principles:

- Controls rising and irrational costs;
- Provides comprehensive, high-quality health care to all;
- Gives every family the opportunity and responsibility for preventive care;
- Preserves the right to choose and use your own doctor;
- Allows our government to play a strong role in restoring balance to the system-curbing greed and incompetence and ensuring more fairness and efficiency;
- Lowers employer costs and, in return, asks them to pay their fair share, along with government and individuals;
- Builds on what's best about American health care while drawing from what works in other countries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED/PROCLAIMED that we commit ourselves and our unions to join with the national AFL-CIO in its campaign to win universal health care for all Americans.

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

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, November 15, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Gary Smith, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Gerald Feldhaus, Don Giljum, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Rick Smith, and John Stiffler.

Also present were John Clark of the United Way; Ed Finkelstein of the Labor Tribune; and Roz Sherman-Voellinger of the University of Missouri Extension.

President Soutier read a resolution submitted by the Missouri AFL-CIO on affordable healthcare. A motion was made, seconded and passed to endorse the resolution.

Soutier advised the Board that nominations would be held at the Tuesday meeting and that all Board members had signed their acceptance forms.

President Soutier and Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke to the Board about the Do Buy website they are working on and the costs associated with setting up this site.

Soutier asked the Board for a motion to proceed further with the site. A motion was made to continue with the following exceptions: additional bids would be requested from other union web design companies and the cost for the site would be billed on a per capita basis to all affiliated locals. President Soutier indicated the one-time cost could be about one dollar per member. The amended motion was seconded and passed.

The Board approved the affiliation of Laborers, Local #53.

President Soutier asked for Board members to serve on the 2008 State Senate Interview Committee. The following Board members agreed to serve; Tom George, Tony Ellebracht, Jim Dougherty, Kevin McNatt, Pat White and Earline Jones.

President Soutier reminded the Board about the booth at the Girl Scout Conference on December 1, 2007 at America's Center.

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Soutier gave a brief review of the media class the Council held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at the Sprinkler Fitters, Local #268 Hall.

The Board approved the endorsement of Tom Fann (D) MO House District #16 and Michele Kratky (D) MO House District #65 in the special elections to be held February 5, 2008.

Board member Tom George gave a handout to all Board members concerning the actions being taken by the Carpenter's Union against IBEW, Local #1.

The Board discussed the 2008 Executive Board meetings in regards to the closing of Highway 40 for repairs. President Soutier advised the Board that he would look at all options for next years' meetings and will report back at the December 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 the rally at the NLRB.

Soutier reminded delegates about the booth that Labor would sponsor for the Girl Scout conference to be held Saturday, December 1, 2007 at America's Center.

Soutier read a letter from Tony Rippetto, Assisting Business Rep, IAM District No. 9 requesting the Labor Council to activate the Five For the Fight fund for striking employees of Valley Ford. A motion was made, seconded and approved to activate the fund and send out letters to affiliates for donations.

Soutier reported that the United Way raised 68.8 million dollars in the 2007 campaign.

President Soutier thanked the delegates for returning the slate of officers for another four-year term. Soutier pledged to continue to work hard for all working men and women and to push Labor's agenda.

COPE REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Tom Fann in MO House District #16 and Michele Kratky in MO House District #65

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 624.543 for September 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hamilton, AFT #420 rose to speak about the St. Louis public schools.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 advised the delegates of a coat drive for children to be held at IBEW, Local #1 on December 8, 2007.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Marcia Cline, SEIU, Local #1 thanked the delegates for their support of the United Way in 2007. Cline also spoke on problems facing UAW members who will be losing jobs.

Cynthia Blackman, UFCW, Local #655 reported on a toy drive her union will be holding and asked delegates to drop off toys at the UFCW, Local #655 location.

Roger Poole, IAM District No. 9 spoke on problems in the state of Missouri and how the state will not assist companies wishing to stay in the state.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held.

Delegates were asked to donate to the striking members at Valley Ford and \$875.00 was collected. This money will go directly to the Valley Ford employees.

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
Tom Berger
John Dirksen
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Jacob Hummel
Nicholas Obermark
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members
Mike Pendergast

No. 4 – 408 Members
Fran Dilliard

No. 1439 – 752 Members

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

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
Cynthia Blackmon
Randy Charboneau
Dave Cook
Judy Davidson
Eric Davis

Nancy Parker
Nichole Rich
Kevin Ryan
Robert Spence
Garry Torpea
Harriett 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
Bill 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
Richard McLaughlin
Jeff O’Connell
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

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

**Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41**
817 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members
Mark Conner
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Tony Rippetto
Dennis Schleeper
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
Marvin Gray

Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members
Gary Smith
Janet 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
Paul Winslow
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Patrick Kellett
Brian Chumley
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
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
Steve Kraemer
Tom Leonard
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
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
Rod Herrmann
Michael Re’
U.S.W., No. 11-152
U.S.W., No. 11-194
273 Members
Richard Dury
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
 Kevin Kenny
 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