

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
September 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, September 18, 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, Donald Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Herb Dill, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier called on Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune. Ed advised the delegates that in honor of the Labor Tribune celebrating its 70th birthday, there would be cake in the back of the hall. Ed recognized Dana Spitzer and Kevin Madden for their outstanding work in covering labor news.

Two films were shown. The first film was the United Way campaign video for 2007. The second film came from the IBEW Local #1 entitled, "We Can't Make It Here Anymore."

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the August 21, 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 huge success of the Labor Day Parade. He thanked all who helped with the parade, especially the staff at the Labor Council office, Karen and Kate, for the hard work they put into making the parade great.

President Soutier reported that the Homeless Heroes Coat Drive, held in conjunction with the Labor Day Parade, netted 550 coats and \$2,051.00.

President Soutier spoke about the Media Conference to be held on October 30, 2007, and asked all unions to participate.

President Soutier advised the delegates of the upcoming Labor Council elections for the offices of President, First and Second Vice President, 20 Vice Presidents, 5 Trustees and 2 Sergeants at Arms. Nominations will be taken at the Delegate Meeting on November 20 at 7:45 p.m.

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, September 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.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Jeff Aboussie, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Herb Dill, Tom George, Don Giljum, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, and John Stiffler.

Also present were John Clark of the United Way; and Ed Finkelstein of the Labor Tribune.

President Soutier handed out a copy of a fundraiser letter from the St. Louis Police Department for one of their officers undergoing medical treatment.

Soutier advised the Board of the September 27, 2007 NAACP/Labor luncheon and urged them to attend.

President Soutier reminded Board members about the November nominations and asked all of them to return their acceptance forms as quickly as possible.

President Soutier reported on the Labor Media Conference to be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at the Sprinkler Fitters Hall. Soutier gave the members a brief description of the conference content and asked them to send staff to attend this valuable training session.

Soutier announced to the Board a date change for the Andy Owens Community Service and Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor dinner. The original date was November 9, but has been changed to the new date of Friday, February 22, 2008.

President Soutier also stated that the newly enhanced Labor Council website has had 1,439 hits since it was updated.

Soutier informed the Board that the Homeless Heroes Coat Drive which was part of the 2007 Labor Day Parade festivities collected over 500 coats for the homeless in the St. Louis area.

Earline Jones, President CWA 6377 reported to the Board about an opportunity for Labor to gain some recognition by sponsoring a booth in the Girl Scouts' Shades of Green event which is scheduled for December 1, 2007.

The Board voted to pay for a booth at a cost of two hundred dollars and asked President Soutier to acquire pricing on scarves to be handed out at the booth.

John Clark of the United Way stated that his staff would man the booth, and several unions indicated that they would split the cost of give-away items.

John Clark spoke to the Board about increasing the gift to United Way to show Labor's support for the 2007 campaign. Clark asked the Board if they would come to a breakfast meeting and it was decided to have the breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m., prior to the Executive Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2007.

Jim Dougherty, President UFCW, Local #655 told the Board about problems with the postal service in delivering the new contract proposals to his members. Jim indicated that his union had sent the proposals out ten days in advance, by first class mail, and some members did not receive the proposal at all.

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.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 622.970 for July 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Yvette Goods, I.B.E.W. Local 1 reminded the delegates about the Ladies Auxiliary items for sale on the side of the room.

Jim Hamilton, St. Louis Teachers, Local #420, advised the delegates that the new oversight board has honored the contract for teachers. Jim urged all to contact Congress to increase funding for the “No Child Left Behind” program.

John Clark, I.B.E.W. Local #1, spoke on the new flyer for United Way and reminded all who saw the video that they are eligible for the drawings.

Roz Sherman Voellinger, University of Missouri Extension, spoke on the Labor Law Breakfast Series to be held on the second Wednesday of every month and the Arbitration Seminar she will be holding.

Dennis Clancy, GCC/IBT Local #38, spoke on the situation in Iraq and how the Blackwater Guards are no more than the Pinkerton Guards of 80 years ago. Clancy advised the delegates that the NLRB employees are trying to organize.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Fred Wolfmeyer, American Postal Workers, St. Louis Gateway Area, spoke about his participation in the M.S. 150 bike ride and requested contributions. To contact him to donate for this cause call his union hall at 314-231-7665.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services’ drawing was held.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further 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

RAS:ks

September 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
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
Shannon Duffy
Tony Pecinovsky
Joe Pollack
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
Nicholas Obermark
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 408 Members
Michael Pendergast
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
Levi Eddins III

Nancy Parker
Dave Politte
Kevin Ryan
Robert Spence
Harriett 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
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
Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members
Calvin Davis

Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”
2000 Members
Rick Smith
Ron Evola
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
James Dees
Marvin Gray
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
Brian Chumley
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
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
John T. Beckmann, Jr.
Kevin Whalen
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
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

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