

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
April 15, 2008
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, April 15, 2008.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

There was a moment of silence to remember the passing of Bill Metz, St. Louis Mailers #3, Richard Wisniewski, GCI/IBT, Local #6-505M, and Gordon Lundak, Sprinkler Fitters, Local #268.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused and Recorded as Present: Gerald Feldhaus, Kevin Kenny, Roger Poole, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier introduced Jeff Harris, candidate for Attorney General. Harris spoke to the delegates about the race and asked for the support of the St. Louis Labor Council.

Soutier read two resolutions. The first resolution from the AFL-CIO regarding health care reform was made, seconded and approved.

The second resolution was from SEIU, Local #1, denouncing efforts of the California Nurses Association to deny healthcare workers the freedom to form a union in Ohio and other parts of the country. Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO, and Nancy Cross, SEIU, Local #1, spoke from opposite sides of the issue. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as read.

A copy of both resolutions is included in the minutes.

President Soutier wished Marcia Cline a happy 29th birthday.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called John Ebeling, CWA Local #6320, James Hamilton, AFT St. Louis, Local #420, Kennard McDonald, SEIU, Local #1, and Darrell Pulliam, Transit Union, Local #788 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 March 18, 2008 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room. Please note, the spelling of the name of Ron Evola was corrected in the March minutes.

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 Location: Machinist's District No. 9 March 6, 2008

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Robert A. Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Chico Humes, Kevin Kenny, Roger Poole, Gary Smith, Patrick White, and David Zimmerman.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Roz Sherman-Voellinger, University of Missouri Extension; John Clark, United Way; and Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO.

President Soutier introduced Randy Kiser for a presentation on Labor 2008. Along with that presentation, Kiser also showed a Power Point presentation on John McCain.

Randy advised the Board members of several upcoming events; the McCain press conference on March 10, 2008, Political Training at IAM District No. 9 Hall from April 23 through April 25, and the May 17, 2008 Labor Walks.

The Board discussed a new Labor Club recommendation form and ways to improve upon it.

Second Vice President, Don Gilgum offered to revise the form and have it ready for the next Board meeting on April 10, 2008.

President Soutier spoke about the Labor Summit follow-up meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Executive Conference Room at America's Center.

Roz Sherman Voellinger advised the Board of the agenda for the upcoming Summit meeting.

President Soutier informed the Board that the regularly scheduled April 10 Board meeting would be held at the Jewish Federation Building. There will be a tour of the Holocaust Museum. Lunch will also be served and the Board will meet with area Jewish leaders to discuss their Labor issues.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the South County Labor Club's recommendations as submitted. The recommendations are as follows:

South County Labor Club
School Board Endorsements:

(*) Denotes Incumbent

Lindbergh School Board

- * Bob Foerstel (IBE, Local #1 Member)
- * Mark R. Rudoff

Wentzville School Board

- * Karl Frank, Jr.
Drew Frauewhoffer
Erin Weber

Hancock School District

Proposition P

Shall the Board of Education of the Hancock Place School District of St. Louis County, Missouri, borrow money in the amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) including \$1,500,000 zero interest Qualified Zone Academy Bonds ("QZAB") for the purpose of providing funds for the construction, equipping and furnishing of additional elementary school classrooms and a pre-school educational center; to complete remodeling and renovation improvements to the Hancock Place Elementary Building including the restructuring of classrooms to enhance the learning environment, the installation of safety and security systems, heating, ventilation and air conditioning system improvements, electrical and lighting system upgrades; the acquisition of certain facilities under lease; to complete other remodeling and repair improvements to the middle school, lower level and the dome area at the high school; and issue bonds for the payment thereof?

President Soutier gave an update on the Five for the Fight fund and the Board decided to handle requests over the maximum \$1500 limit on a case by case basis.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier
President

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President Soutier reminded the delegates that the date of the Union Reps Lunch Group barbecue and golf outing has been changed for the month of May to Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Plumbers & Pipefitters complex.

President Soutier reminded delegates about the Labor Mass, scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the Shrine of St. Joseph the Worker with brunch to follow at Maggie O'Brien's. A special ceremony honoring those who have died on the job or from work related illness or injury will begin before the mass at 8:30 a.m.

President Soutier thanked the three unions, I.B.E.W., Local #1, Stagehands, Local #6, and Projectionists, Audio Visual Engineers & Computer Technicians, Local #143, for their help in settling the lockout at the Convention and Visitors Commission (CVC).

COPE REPORT

President Soutier read the following labor club recommendations.

Franklin County	<i>Commissioner, 2nd</i>	Ann Schroeder
	<i>Treasurer</i>	Alvin "Squeaky" Marquart
	<i>Assessor</i>	Daniel Tulley
	<i>Public Administrator</i>	Carol Eckelkamp
	<i>Sheriff</i>	Gary Toelke
	<i>State Representative - #98</i>	Jim Mense
	<i>State Representative - #111</i>	Tod C. DeVeydt
	<i>State Representative - #109</i>	Kent Cunningham

President Soutier read the following list of current incumbents:

State Senators	<i>District 13</i>	Timothy P. Green
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State Reps

<i>District 10</i>	Terry L. Witte
<i>District 11</i>	Ed Schieffen
<i>District 57</i>	Talibdin “TD” El-Amin
<i>District 59</i>	Jeanette Mott Oxford
<i>District 60</i>	Jamilah Nasheed
<i>District 64</i>	Rachel Storch
<i>District 65</i>	Michele Kratky
<i>District 66</i>	Michael Vogt
<i>District 69</i>	Gina M. Walsh
<i>District 72</i>	Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal
<i>District 74</i>	Tony George
<i>District 76</i>	Michael Spreng
<i>District 77</i>	Michael George Corcoran
<i>District 79</i>	Albert “Al” Liese
<i>District 83</i>	Jake Zimmerman
<i>District 90</i>	Sam Komo
<i>District 96</i>	Patricia “Pat” Yeager
<i>District 100</i>	Sue Schoemehl
<i>District 101</i>	Timothy G. “Tim” Meadows
<i>District 102</i>	Jeff Roorda
<i>District 103</i>	Ron Casey
<i>District 104</i>	Joseph Fallert, Jr.
<i>District 105</i>	Michael Frame
<i>District 107</i>	Brad Robinson

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 634.139 for February 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bert Atkins, IAM #837B, advised the delegates that he is running for state representative in the 75th district.

Earline Jones, CWA #6377, thanked the delegates for calls they made to Western Union protesting the outsourcing of jobs. Jones asked for assistance in hand billing when needed in the future.

Chico Humes, GCC/IBT #6-505M thanked Roz Sherman Voellinger for the emails on the vote in the Business Journal.

John Bowmann, UAW, advised the delegates that he is heading up the Medicaid ballot initiative.

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO, spoke on the Labor 2008 meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008, and advised that flyers will be available to all locals.

Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Education Specialist with the University of Missouri extension, spoke about the Arbitration Seminar, a LERA program, to be held on May 7, 2008. She also spoke about the Labor Law Breakfast to be held on May 14. The program will deal with identity theft. Lastly, she spoke about the Midwest School for Women Workers to be held in St. Louis from July 10 through 13. Six Iraqi women trade unionists will be attending. St. Louis locals are encouraged to send women members to the school.

Ron Evola, IAM #837A, spoke against John McCain.

Gus Frank, Letter Carriers #343, advised the delegates that the annual food drive will be held next month.

Dennis Clancy, GCC/IBT #38N, spoke against John McCain.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Jack Beckman, I.A.T.S.E., Local #6, thanked the Labor Council for its support at the CVC. Beckman also thanked all of the unions that were helpful as well as the politicians that helped resolve the dispute.

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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Attachments

April 2008

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
Jim Kolve
No. 6320 - Print & Media Sector – 150 Members
John Ebeling
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
Tony Pecinovsky
Laurie Waterhouse

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
Nick Obermark
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

Fran Dilliard
Mike Pendergast

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

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

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

Iron Workers
**Bridge and Structural
 Iron Workers**
No. 396 – 850 Members
 Tom McNeil
 Bill Brennell

Laborers International Union
No. 42 – 250 Members
 Richard McLaughlin
No. 53 – 400 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
 Michael Ribbert
 Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
 208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777
 2641 Members
 Calvin Davis
 Dave Meinell
 Mike Musgrove
 Tony Rippetto

Dennis Schleeper
 Terry Sutton
 Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”
 2000 Members
 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
 Ellen Arbogast
 James Dees
 Glenn Donnelly
 Marvin Gray
 Robert O. 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

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
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
Kennard McDonald
Michael Murphy
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 – 150 Members
Ervin Hupp
No. 2730

United Steel Workers International
Union
U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6
1072 Members
Pat White
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
Jim 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
Darrell Pulliam
Robert Whiting
Marilyn Williams

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

UNITE HERE No. 74 – 2000 Members
Kevin McNatt

**United Food and Commercial Workers,
No. 655** – 13,829 Members
Jim Dougherty
Randy Charboneau
Bob Lindsley
Nick Trupiano
Harriett Weaver

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
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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