

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**August 19, 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, August 19, 2008.

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, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Edward Fleming Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Gary Smith, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Gerald Feldhaus, Jim Dougherty, Earline Jones, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

President Soutier called Donald L. Robertson of Ironworkers, Local #396 and Billy Howle of IBEW, Local #1439 to the podium to take the oath of office as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council representing their unions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 15, 2008 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**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  
Thursday, August 14, 2008

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by First Vice President, John Ebeling.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Tom George, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Gary Smith, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, Patrick White and David Zimmerman.

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**Excused and recorded as present:** Robert Soutier, Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Chico Humes, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Marcia Cline, United Way of Greater St. Louis, Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune and Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist with the University of Missouri and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

Vice President Ebeling announced that he would be presiding over the meeting in President Soutier's absence. He said that President Soutier was attending the IAFF Conference in Las Vegas.

Vice President Ebeling also mentioned that Karen Lyons, Bob Soutier's assistant was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

Vice President Ebeling read the information pertaining to the United Way Kick-Off. He said that the St. Louis Labor Council, Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council, Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, St. Louis Building and Construction Trades and the Southwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades will host the kick-off on Friday, September 19, 2008, with a trap shoot and barbeque at the Westerner Club trap and skeet fields in East Alton, Illinois. The cost will be \$50 per participant which includes one round of trap and the barbeque. He said that everything is provided for the trap shoot, but you may use your own shotgun if you choose. Also, participants may shoot extra rounds at \$8 per round. He also read that all proceeds will be donated to the United Way in the name of all five above mentioned Labor Councils.

Ebeling also informed the Board that the United Way Kick-Off video will be shown at the Tuesday, August 19, Delegate Meeting.

First Vice President Ebeling reminded the Board that the parade marshal's meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, prior to the Delegate meeting at the IBEW, Local #1 Hall. He also reminded the group of this year's parade theme of "Turn Around America."

Vice President Ebeling read information regarding the North County Athletic Association Amateur Boxing Club. On August 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center there will be a night of amateur boxing to honor Sid Taylor and Ryan Griffin, two former fighters that have passed away, both were union members. Ticket prices are \$20 per ticket for the first row, \$15 second row and \$10 third row. All proceeds will go to the North County Athletic Association for support of both the North County and St. Charles Training facility.

Vice President Ebeling also reminded the Board members that the September meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the Machinists Hall at the same time of 9:00 a.m.

Karen Lyons mentioned that a reminder would be faxed to their offices.

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Ebeling stated that any Labor Club recommendations would need to be in prior to the September 4, 2008 Executive Board meeting in order to be approved and sent to the MO AFL-CIO in time for their convention.

Vice President Ebeling asked for five volunteers to serve on an Interview Committee for any additional interviews that may need to be done. Kevin McNatt, President Unite Here, Local #74; Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1; Pat White, Business Rep USW/Gas Workers, 11-6; Don Giljum Business Manager IUOE, Local #148 and John Stiffler, Business Manager Asbestos Workers, Local #1 all volunteered.

Ebeling announced that there will be a St. Louis Rally for Anheuser Busch Teamsters employees to let In-Bev know of the solidarity in St. Louis. The rally will be held at Kiener Plaza on the corner of Market and North Broadway on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. He mentioned that Bob Soutier would be there and they would like as many members as possible to show up to show their support.

Jerry Feldhaus, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council stated that this would be a solidarity rally. There will be speakers from all over and they are even expecting Jimmy Hoffa. He urged the Board to inform their members to attend.

Roz Sherman Voellinger thanked everyone for their support of the Women's School. She also announced that there would be an Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the new CWA Hall by West Port Plaza. She also mentioned that they would be posting labor education information on the St. Louis Labor Council website.

Roz also informed the Board members that beginning in October she would be showing pertinent labor-related videos prior to the Delegate meetings. The videos would begin at 6:30 p.m. The first would be a "Mother Jones" video.

John Ebeling remarked that there is a map to the CWA facility on their website for those needing directions.

Jerry Feldhaus stated that he has a very good video on John McCain that they may want to show. He said that he is having copies made for his members and would be willing to see to it that anyone who would like a copy has one. Feldhaus said that the video also states Obama's platform.

A discussion followed on how best to get members to vote the issues not RACE. The discussion boiled down to the fact that the members must be educated on the "issues".

Don Giljum, Business Manager IUOE, Local #148 noted that Steve Hollis, AFGE would like the Board members to send notices regarding Bill Fletcher's (who also is with AFGE) book "Solidarity Divided." There will be a book signing at the Carpenter's Hall.

Jerry Feldhaus advised the Board that Ameren UE wants to meet to talk about the Calloway Project. They want Labor's support and said that the work would be done 100% union.

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Roz Sherman Voellinger reported on some good news about the United Steelworkers collective bargaining agreement and said that it was most successful, as was the CWA agreement with Verizon.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division asked for support and endorsement from the St. Louis Labor Council on Proposition M (Metro) that would be on the November ballot in St. Louis County only. This would require a half-cent sales tax, one-quarter of which would go toward maintenance and one-quarter toward expansion of the system.

Edward Fleming Jr., President Transit Union, Local #788 expressed that if this ballot did not pass their union stands to experience a 40% layoff.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the St. Louis Labor Council to endorse Proposition M.

Nancy Cross added that material would soon be available on the Metro Proposition M agenda.

Marcia Cline United Way reported on the goal of the United Way for 2008. She said that the goal was set at \$65.5 million. This goal was less than last years; however, they did not want to seem oblivious to the economy in the St. Louis area. Also, due to the fact that they were short by \$4.5 million on last year's goal and considering the AB-In-Bev situation they did not want to overstate their goal. Marcia stated that if those that are working would contribute just a little more yearly, it would have a tremendously positive affect on helping those in our area who are without work right now.

David Zimmerman, President/Business Manager Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 reported that AB-In-Bev agreed to make their contribution as usual.

Patrick Kellett, Business Rep, Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 made a motion for Ameren UE to educate our members on the nuclear plant "Pay as You Go" agenda. Kellett also remarked that the Council should invite Tom Voss to a meeting for this purpose.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Vice President Ebeling remarked that the CWA is having problems with the Obama campaign using non-union phone service here in Missouri. He said that they may need to call on some of the unions in helping to get that changed.

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

Fraternally,

John Ebeling, First Vice President

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A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as given.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Soutier reported that he attended the Jay Nixon fundraiser last week.

Soutier advised the delegates that Mark Woolbright was elected International Vice President of the I.A.F.F. at their convention in Las Vegas, which he attend as a visitor.

President Soutier reported on the Labor Day Parade and all the work that goes into putting this parade on each year. Soutier thanked the staff and volunteers for all the hard work they do.

Soutier reminded the delegates about the Tug-of-War contest to be held in Forest Park on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Soutier reported on the InBev rally held for the Teamsters in Kiener Plaza last week that he attended.

President Soutier reminded the Labor Clubs that COPE recommendations need to be in the Labor Council office by September 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> so that they can be voted on at the September 4, 2008 Executive Board meeting.

President Soutier reminded the delegates about the importance of this years' elections and why we need to use the worksite flyers.

### **COPE REPORT**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 658.915 for July 2008.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tony Pecinovski, Newspaper Guild thanked all who helped with the Robin Wright Jones campaign.

Mike Walter, IBEW, Local #1439 spoke up against having any Ameren UE executive speak to the delegates until all labor problems are worked out by the unions.

Gerard Burke, AFT, Local #420 spoke about the negotiations at the city public schools. He advised the delegates that the city is requesting major cuts from the teachers.

Jim Hamilton, AFT, Local #420 remarked on the necessity of showing up at the rallies when you can for a show of solidarity.

Darrell Pulliam, Transit Union, Local #788 informed the delegates about the proposed cuts in service at Bi-State.

Ron Evola, IAM District 837, Lodge A advised the delegates that Bert Atkins was elected State Representative in the 75<sup>th</sup> District.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 spoke against school vouchers in public schools.

Marcia Cline, SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division and United Way of Greater St. Louis introduced Nancy McCormick a representative of the National United Way for a presentation to John Clark for his long-standing service to the United Way.

Roz Sherman Voellinger, University of Missouri advised the delegates that she will be showing labor related films prior to the Council meetings beginning with the October meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Leon Ortiz, IBEW, Local #1 said that he is working for Obama in St. Charles and they are in need of volunteers.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **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 submitted,



Robert A. Soutier, President  
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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**August 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. 6300** – 4327 Members  
Tony Ellebracht

**Print & Media Sector** – 150 Members

John Ebeling  
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  
Tony Pecinovsky  
Joe Pollack

**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

**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 408 Members  
Fran Dilliard  
Michael Pendergast  
**No. 1439** – 752 Members  
Billy Howle  
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, Jr.  
**No. 6-505M** – 1845 Members  
 Chico Humes  
 Donald Osiek  
 Kenneth Truemper

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

**Laborers International Union**  
**No. 42** – 250 Members  
**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  
 Keith Gentry  
 Robinette Hensley  
 Pamela Stepney

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

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

**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
 208 Members

**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
 2641 Members  
 Mark Conner

Dave Meinell  
 Tony Rippetto  
 Dennis Schleeper  
 Terry Sutton

**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
 2000 Members  
 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  
 Joe Eccardt  
 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

**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  
 Kevin Oliver  
**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  
 Kevin Whalen  
**Motion Picture Operators**  
**No. 143** – 39 Member  
 Errol Stanfield  
**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  
 Daniel Dyer  
 Ervin Hupp  
 Kris Mueller  
**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  
 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  
 Gerard Burke  
 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  
 Edward Fleming, Jr.  
 Darrell Pulliam  
**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

**UNITE HERE No. 74** – 2000 Members  
Kevin McNatt

**United Food and Commercial Workers,  
No. 655** – 13,829 Members  
Jim Dougherty  
Michael Kelley  
Bob Lindsley  
Nikki Rich

**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  
Laura Moore

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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