

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
December 16, 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, December 16, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Edward Fleming Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Patrick White, and.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Gerald Feldhaus, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, John Stiffler, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the November 18, 2008 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier thanked the delegates for all the hard work that they did in 2008.

Soutier spoke on the auto bail-out and how Republicans in the Senate are using anti-union tactics to hurt the U.A.W.

Soutier explained the request from the Executive Board to use the Five for the Fight fund to help members in need.

President Soutier wished all delegates a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President Soutier called upon First Vice President, 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, December 11, 2008

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

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Smith, John Stiffler Patrick White, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune, Marcia Cline, United Way and Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri.

President Soutier introduced Gary Mantese, who spoke to the Board about substance abuse and how his company could help our members.

President Soutier brought a letter to the Board from Mayor Francis Slay requesting an endorsement for him for mayor of the city of St. Louis in the upcoming election in March of 2009. A motion was made, seconded and passed to endorse.

Ed Finkelstein, spoke about the article that ran in the paper exposing the sham union directory that has been circulating around town.

President Soutier gave the Board a copy of the proposed Mardi Gras Parade Labor tent contract. A motion was made, seconded and approved for President Soutier to proceed with setting up the tent. The Labor Council office will send out letters to the Board requesting sponsorships.

The Board approved the usual Christmas bonus for the staff members Karen Lyons and Kate Souders for 2008.

President Soutier advised the Board of a Technology Conference for staff to be held in February 2009.

The employee Free Choice Act was discussed.

The Board asked President Soutier to send a survey to the Union Representatives' Lunch group asking if they would like to keep the Christmas party as it has been or change to a different format.

President Soutier gave the Board a new revised schedule for the 2009 Executive Board and Delegate meetings.

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President Soutier advised the Board that the 2008 Christmas gift to the Board members was instead given in the form of a donation to the striking members at Valley Ford, at the members request.

The Board approved a move of the Five for the Fight money to go to members in need each year. The Board asked President Soutier to keep 20% of the funds in place and authorize the payout of the remaining 80% to help our members with financial problems. It was decided that the Labor Liaisons at the United Way would handle the requests and use the same rules governing the payouts as they have done in the past. In addition, the Labor Council will request donations each year to replenish the fund.

Jerry Feldhaus, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Building & Construction Trades Council advised the Board that he is on the transition team for Governor-elect Jay Nixon and if there are people looking for appointments to Boards and Commissions to give the information to him.

The Board asked Soutier to send a letter to Dave Sinclair of Sinclair Ford, thanking him for the support he has shown to American workers.

A discussion about the Andy Owens Award dinner for 2009 took place and it was decided by the Board that the management honoree would be Dave Sinclair and the Labor honoree would be Tony Ellebracht.

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 648.758 for October 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hamilton, AFT, Local #420 spoke on labor issues and the Employee Free Choice Act.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 thanked the Labor Tribune for the great coverage they give labor issues and advised the delegates about a “Women in Trades” swap meet, where they can trade tools.

Matt Gober, IBEW, Local #1 invited the delegates to have a beverage after the meeting.

Roz Sherman Voellinger Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri, advised the delegates about the Tech Conference in 2009 and updated the list of movies she will be showing prior to the Council meetings in 2009.

Tony Pecinovsky, St. Louis Newspaper Guild, advised the delegates about a press conference on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gateway Homeless Shelter

Dennis Clancy and Ed Finkelstein spoke about Wal-Mart.

GOOD AND WELFARE

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

Attachments

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December 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

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
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 Clark
John Dirksen
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

No. 1439 – 752 Members
Mark Staffne

No. 1455 – 745 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 372 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 697 Members
Don Giljum
Gary Randle

Hoisting Engineers No. 513
500 Members

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

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

Iron Workers

**Bridge and Structural
Iron Workers**
No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil
Bill Brennell
Michael Butler
Don Robertson
Bill Trendley
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
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

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members
Dave Meinell

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members
Ron Evola
Zachary Frago
Kurt Manns

Steve Newell

District 837 Lodge “B”

1657 Members
Don Lummus

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members
Robert Soutier
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

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**

Motion Picture Operators

No. 143 – 39 Member

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

No. 2730

**United Steel Workers International
Union**

U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6

1072 Members

Pat White

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

Edward Fleming, Jr.

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

Michael Kelley

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
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