

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
March 18, 2008
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by Vice President John Ebeling at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. President Soutier was absent due to illness.

Vice President Ebeling 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:** John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Robert Soutier, Mary Armstrong, Don Giljum, Kevin Kenny, Joe Schonlau and David Zimmermann.

NOTE: Roll Call is an approximation, due to President Soutier's absence.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

Vice President Ebeling called Edward Fleming, Jr., Robert E. Whiting, David L. Tolliver, Felicia G. Clayton, and Marilyn Williams of Transit Union, Local #788 and Anthony Harris of the American Postal Workers St. Louis Gateway Area 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 February 19, 2008 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Vice President Ebeling 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:

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(*) Denotes Incumbent

Lindbergh School Board

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

Mehlville 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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Vice President Ebeling reported on the Union Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the Shrine of St. Joseph. John announced that there will be a special ceremony outside of the church at 8:30 a.m. for anyone who lost their life on the job or from a job related illness in the past year and then mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. for all union brothers and sisters who have passed away this past year. He also mentioned the brunch at Maggie O'Brien's Restaurant immediately after the mass.

Ebeling commented on Randy Kiser's (AFL-CIO affiliate) report on John McCain's support of George Bush through his term of office as president.

Vice President Ebeling reported on the COPE recommendations *(see Executive Board meeting above) and they were approved as being endorsed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ebeling reported the BLS index at 632.301 for January 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Earline Jones, President, CWA, Local 6327 reported at Western Union intends to close their facility in St. Louis and Dallas, which will result in 800-plus jobs being lost. They intend to outsource the jobs to overseas workers.

Jones handed out a flyer regarding this matter seeking urgent action to be taken.

Jim Kolve, CWA, Local #6320 stated that the ATT Yellow Pages Company is the only union yellow page company and requested that the unions not advertise with non-union yellow page companies.

Ron Ebola, IAM&AW, District #837 advised the members of the Valley Ford dispute.

Ebola pointed out that "The government's stimulus package is nothing more than a contradiction when it turns around and awards a foreign company the new Air Force tanker." He asked to please contact your reps and encourage them to oppose this.

Don Osiek of the Printing Trades Council announced their new address as being 2258 Grissom Drive, St. Louis 63146, and their phone number as 314-991-0200 and fax as 314-991-1944.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Fred Wolfmeyer, American Postal Workers, reported that two courses relative to LM Reporting are being offered in Silver Springs, MD and also this week at the Double Tree Hotel in St. Louis through the NLC (National Labor College).

John Clark reported that the National AFL-CIO is putting on their agenda a campaign to educate delegates on McCain's position.

Dan Kloepfel of the Franklin County Labor Club announced a dinner in April and asked for participation.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held and the winner donated the proceeds to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the delegates, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Fraternally,
John Ebeling, First Vice President

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March 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. 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
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
Nick Obermark
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members
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
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
Cynthia Blackmon
Nancy Parker
Dave Politte
Robert Spence

Gary Torpea
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. 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

Robinette Hensley
Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 16 Members
No. 1765 – 294 Members
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41**
817 Members
Michael Ribbert
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members
Al Mieger
Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members
Mark Conner
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
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
Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members
Gary Smith
Jan 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
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
 Anthony Harris
 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
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 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
 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
 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
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
 Felicia Clayton
 Edward Fleming, Jr.

David Tolliver
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

Laura Moore

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

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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