

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
November 18, 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, November 18, 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, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Tony Ellebracht, Edward Fleming Jr., Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin Kenny, Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Don Lummus, Machinist Local Lodge 837B and Gary Randle, United Way to the podium to take the oath of office as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council representing their perspective unions. They both need to have credentials filled out for the Labor Council records. Credentials will be mailed to their perspective organizations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the October 21, 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 helping with the election.

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, November 13, 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, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Smith, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Tony Ellebracht, Edward Fleming, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune and Marcia Cline, United Way.

President Soutier asked the Trustees to remain after the meeting for a closed session. The Trustees present were, Jim Dougherty, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole and John Stiffler.

President Soutier advised the Board of a Freshman Legislative Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2008 and asked them to participate. Soutier indicated that this would be a great chance for Labor leaders to get to know new state legislative leaders and put Labor's agenda out to them.

Ed Finkelstein presented the Board with a letter of commitment from the St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition for the Midwest Health Initiative's "Aligning Forces for Quality" grant proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the effort.

John Ebeling informed the Board that Incredible Engravings is no longer a union shop.

Chico Humes spoke about the union directory and what a hoax it is.

President Soutier advised the Board that unless Tim Green is involved with the printing of the booklet, the Labor community does not approve it.

Dave Zimmermann informed the Board that American Income Life is harassing his members and he urged the Board to discontinue using them.

The Board members voted to give the Christmas gift certificates that they receive from the Council out to any striking members.

Kevin McNatt advised the Board that UNITE HERE has a new union bar in North St. Louis County called "Meyers".

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Roger Poole informed the Board that we could buy "Union Roast Coffee" direct from the manufacturer at a great savings.

A motion was made to go into executive session in order to discuss the following matters:

The Board discussed the idea, at great length, of creating a new position to handle legislative issues. After the discussion, it was decided to table the matter for now.

The Board approved a 3% raise for the Labor Council employees for 2009.

President Soutier presented the Board with a letter from his Executive Assistant, Karen Lyons requesting a raise in her salary. The letter spelled out additional duties that warrant an increase.

President Soutier praised the job she does for the Council and stated that the Council has the proper finances to handle an increase in salary.

A motion was made to give Karen a \$5,000 bonus in addition to the 3% increase, effective January 2009 and based on the finances of the Council, and also to re-address the bonus on a yearly basis. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Fraternally,

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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 655.376 for September 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Second Vice President Don Giljum submitted a resolution on H.R. 676 “The United States National Health Care Act”. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS: The Missouri AFL-CIO, at the recent 2008 State Federation meeting, reaffirmed full support for “The U.S. National Health Care Act” H.R. 676 introduced by Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) and called for the Missouri Delegation to the United States Congress to work with Congressman Conyers to enact H.R. 676, and;

WHEREAS: forty-seven million Americans, including 15 million children, are without health insurance and millions more, a majority of whom are employed, are underinsured; and

WHEREAS: No union today can effectively engage in collective bargaining without facing a demand or hard choices regarding health care coverage in our contracts. The absence of a universal health care system and disproportionate costs of health insurance at the bargaining table has significantly depressed our members’ wages despite the productivity gains their work has produced; and

WHEREAS: the current election campaign has laid bare the need for a dramatic and total overhaul of the healthcare system in this country and that, for all Americans, healthcare should be a right, not a privilege, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 676 is the only current proposal which will provide a cost-effective, single-payer system while still protecting the free choice of physicians and comprehensive prescription drug coverage to seniors, and

WHEREAS: labor bodies from all across the country will be meeting in January, 2009 in St. Louis to launch a renewed grassroots labor campaign to bring about the enactment of H.R. 676 often called the “Medicare for All” Bill, it is important that this Labor Council and all affiliated unions join in the effort to build and support that campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greater St. Louis Labor Council reaffirms its full support for H.R. 676 “The United States National Health Care Act” and will participate and promote the upcoming national meeting to develop a national grassroots labor campaign for its passage into law.

Bob Kortkamp, President of the Missouri ARA rose to endorse the resolution on behalf of the ARA.

William Sullivan, GCC/IBT #6-505 raised \$300 for striking Valley Ford members and stated that he would get the funds to the Machinists union.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 informed the members about the raffle tickets she was selling.

Marcia Cline, United Way thanked the delegates for the huge success in the 2008 campaign.

Roz Sherman Voellinger, University of Missouri spoke about the videos she will be showing prior to the Council meetings. Roz also mentioned that she had calendars for sale in the rear of the room.

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,

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

Attachments

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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
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
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
John Clark
John Dirksen
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Jacob Hummel
Nicholas Obermark
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members
Fran Dilliard
Michael Pendergast

No. 1439 – 752 Members
Bill Howle

No. 1455 – 745 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 372 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 697 Members
Don Giljum
Linda Thurman
Michael Yates

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
Michael Butler
Bill 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
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremens

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

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41
817 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael Diefenbach
Richard Feldhaus
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members
Ron Evola
Zachary Frago
Kurt Manns
Steve Newell
Tim Randall

District 837 Lodge “B”

1657 Members
Bert Atkins
Don Lummus

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members
Robert Soutier
James Dees
Glenn Donnelly
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

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268

300 Members

Michael Mahler

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
Anthony Harris
Fred Wolfmeyer

**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
Jason Randl

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

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
Rod Herrmann
Michael Re’

U.S.W., No. 11-152

U.S.W., No. 11-194
273 Members
Richard Dury
Judy Eggers

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

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

Eric Davis

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

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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