

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
October 21, 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, October 21, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, and John Stiffler.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Zachary Frago and Kurt Manns of IAM 837A, Linda Thurman of Operating Engineers, Local #148 and Russ McCreary of IBEW, Local #1439 to the podium to take the oath of office as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council representing their perspective unions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 16, 2008 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier called upon Steve Brotherton, Superintendent of the Bayless School System for a report on Proposition "O" a no-tax increase ballot issue that will help the school system with needed improvements.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Proposition O.

President Soutier explained that this issue had come up after the Executive Board meeting and that is why it was presented in this manner at the delegate meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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, October 16, 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, Jim Dougherty, Tom George, Chico Humes, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Smith, John Stiffler and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmerman.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri; Marcia Cline, United Way, Tom Diehl and Terry Noble from the Mehlville School Board and Tim Lorson, Director of Mardi Gras, Inc.

Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke to the Board about the LERA luncheon and the films she will be showing prior to the Delegate meetings.

President Soutier introduced Mr. Diehl and Mr. Noble for a requested endorsement of Proposition T, a no-tax increase proposition in the Mehlville School District.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Proposition T.

Tim Lorson made a presentation to the Board for Labor's participation in the Mardi gras parade. The Board asked President Soutier to meet with Mr. Lorson to get a scaled-down proposal that the unions could accept.

President Soutier presented to the Board a fact sheet on Constitutional Amendment #4, a proposal to change the language to address issues pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources and how bond funds are allocated in the state.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the change. A copy of the Fact Sheet is attached.

Board members were given a handout from Board member, Earline Jones, President CWA, Local 6377, entitled "*An Economic Recovery Plan for American Families*".

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the plan. A copy of the plan is attached.

President Soutier gave the Board a printed sheet from a union printer advertising t-shirts for the annual "Guns & Hoses" event. The flyer gave information on how to obtain these t-shirts.

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Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune spoke to the Board about the problems he is having with the loss of subscribers and how he is coming up with other ways to offset those losses.

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier reported that he had attended the Obama rally on Saturday, October 18, 2008, in downtown St. Louis.

Soutier urged the delegates to get out the last two weeks of the campaign by donating their time to help get out the vote. Soutier advised the members that walks and phone banks are going on every day, and that they should call the Council office if they would like to volunteer. Soutier also stated that the majority of the Council's time is presently being spent on the election campaign.

COPE REPORT

President Soutier mentioned that copies of the most up-to-date COPE endorsements from the Labor Council and the MO AFL-CIO are located in the rear of the room.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 655.376 for September 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Zimmerman, President Sheet Metal, Local #36 spoke about the United Way and the great work they do in St. Louis. Zimmerman urged the delegates to participate in the United Way campaign.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 thanked Jerry Feldhaus, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council and Pat Kellett, Business Manager with the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 for coming to the Missouri Women in Trades press conference.

Yvette also advised the group that she has raffle tickets for an event sponsored by the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Jim Kolve, CWA, Local #6300 informed the delegates that he has some “Guns & Hoses” t-shirts for them to see.

Ron Evola, IAM, District 837A, advised the members that he has cards for anyone wishing to sign regarding the Employee Free Choice Act.

John Clark, IBEW, Local #1 rose to speak out against Proposition “A”.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune advised the delegates of an anti-Obama mailing he received.

Roz Sherman-Voellinger, University of MO spoke about the videos she will be showing prior to the Council meetings.

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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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

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
Yvette Goods
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

Fran Dilliard
Michael Pendergast

No. 1439 – 752 Members

Russell McCreary
Mark Staffne

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
 Kenneth Truemper

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
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

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

Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
 817 Members
 Stephen Branson
 Michael Ribbert
 Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members
Automotive Lodge No. 777
 2641 Members
 Calvin Davis
 Dave Meinell
 Tony Rippetto
 Dennis Schleeper
 Scott Stackle
 Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”
 2000 Members
 Ron Evola
 Kurt Manns
 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
 Glenn Donnelly
 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

No. 880 – 111 Members

Sheet Metal Workers
No. 36 – 1650 Members
David Zimmermann
Joseph Feldman
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
Ervin Hupp

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
Merri Berry
Randy Charboneau
Michael Kelley
Harriett Weaver
Bryan Wynn

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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