

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
September 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, September 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, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Patrick White, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Kevin Kenny, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, and Mark Woolbright.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the August 19, 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, September 4, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Gary Smith, John Stiffler and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmerman.

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Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri; Marquita Bradshaw, Voice at Work Organizer and Mary Ellen Ponder, AFL-CIO.

President Soutier introduced Mrs. Bradshaw for an explanation of Voice at Work. She will be working to insure that all votes will be cast and no person will be denied the right to vote.

Roz Sherman Voellinger reminded the Board about all the things she could do to assist unions with surveys and steward training. Roz also spoke about the CORO Fellow program and how they can help with special projects.

Mary Ellen Ponder spoke about the Worksite Flyer Program and the weekly walks we will be doing out of various locations. She asked for all unions and locals to get involved.

President Soutier read off the latest endorsements from the Labor Clubs. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as given. (See Attached Labor Club Endorsements)

Soutier stated that the report would be sent to the MO AFL-CIO for action at the convention.

President Soutier reminded the Board about the Tug-o-War contest on Saturday, September 27, 2008 in Forest Park and encouraged everyone to attend.

First Vice President John Ebeling spoke about the layoffs at the Post Dispatch and the outsourcing of jobs to Delhi, India.

President Soutier asked the Board for help manning the picket lines at Valley Ford while the Machinists are away at their convention.

Soutier advised the Board that Tim Lorsen of Mardi Gras, Inc. will be speaking to them at a future meeting about participation in the Mardi Gras Parade in St. Louis.

Soutier gave a parade wrap-up.

A question was raised about limiting the number of cars any one union can bring to the parade. After much discussion it was decided that the issue will be taken up at the Executive Board meetings in October and November and voted on in December.

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

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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 on the Tug-of-War contest being held in Forest Park on Saturday, September 27, 2008 and asked the delegates to purchase "Pulling for Jay" raffle tickets.

Soutier reminded the delegates that Labor videos would be shown prior to the Council meetings for the remainder of the year.

President Soutier advised the delegates that he had attended the IAM convention in Florida as an elected delegate.

Soutier spoke about John McCain and his poor Labor record.

President Soutier asked Mary Ellen Ponder to speak about the Labor Walks and Labor 2008 programs

COPE REPORT

President Soutier read the following COPE report:

COPE

November 4, 2008 Election Endorsements

Russ Carnahan

District 3, U. S. House of Representatives

Jay Nixon

MO Governor

Sam Page

MO Lt. Governor

Robin Carnahan
Clint Zweifel

MO Secretary of State
MO State Treasurer

Joan Barry
Robin Wright-Jones
Kevin Leeseburg
Tim Green
James Trout

MO State Senator – 1st District
MO State Senator – 5th District
MO State Senator – 7th District
MO State Senator – 13th District
MO State Senator – 15th District

Ed Schieffer
Open
David Hurst
Open
Michael Niemeyer
Kristy Manning
Kenny Biermann
Open
Open
Rachel Storch
Mike Vogt
Gina Walsh
Sharon Pace
Don Callaway
Steve Brown
Bert Atkins
Michael Spreng
Mike Corcoran
Margo McNeil
Albert Liese
Jill Schupp
Jake Zimmerman
Vicki Lorenz Englund
Martin “Sam” Komo
Jeanne Kirkton
Deb Lavender
Patricia (Pat) Yeager
Jan Polizzi
Mike Sutherland
Sue Schoemehl
Tim Meadows
Jeff Roorda
Ron Casey
Joe Fallert, Jr.
Michael Frame
Jake Hummel

MO State Representative – 11th District
MO State Representative – 12th District
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MO State Representative – 108th District

Belinda Harris	MO State Representative – 110 th District
Kathleen Kelly Burkett	St. Louis County Council – 2 nd District
Mike E. O’Mara	St. Louis County Council – 4 th District
Steve Stenger	St. Louis County Council – 6 th District
Joe Brazil	St. Charles County Council, District #2
Russ Craven	St. Charles County Council, District #4
Jerry Daugherty	St. Charles County Council, District #6
Ed Kemp	Jefferson County First District Commissioner
Pat Lamping	Jefferson County Second District Commissioner
Mark Able	Jefferson County Treasurer
Randy Holman	Jefferson County Assessor
Oliver “Glenn” Boyer	Jefferson County Sheriff
Bruce King	Jefferson County Public Administrator
Open	Lincoln County Associate Commissioner 1 st District
Jim Volmert	Lincoln County Associate Commissioner, 2 nd District
Ron Daniels	Lincoln Co. Assessor
Mike Krigbaum	Lincoln Co. Sheriff
Betty Cox	Lincoln Co. Public Administrator
Rich Helton	Warren Co. Commissioner North
Hubie Kluesner	Southern District Commission

COMMUNICATIONS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Cross, Vice President IBEW, Local #1 Missouri Division asked the delegates to do a little extra for candidates this year.

Nick Obermark, IBEW, Local #1 advised the delegates about a Labor picnic on October 11, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Union City Park.

Steve Hollis, AFGE spoke on an event to be held on September 26 and 27 featuring Bill Fletcher.

Jim Hamilton, AFT, Local #420 spoke on the Columbian Free Trade agreement.

Gerard Burke, AFT, Local #420 informed the delegates of a joint township meeting being held on October 14, 2008 at Creve Coeur City Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Pendergast, IBEW, Local #4 spoke about problems in the City of St. Louis and his displeasure with Mayor Slay. Mike advised the delegates about votes cast by Aldermen on the city plan. Mike indicated that several that we thought were our friends, might not be.

Bob Kortkamp, MO President ARA spoke about the need to get involved this election year. Kortkamp invited all delegates to an ARA media event on October 2, 2008 at the Vice Presidential debates in St. Louis.

Ray Cummings, AFT, Local #420 spoke on what is at stake in this year's election.

Dave Meinell, IAM, Local #777 spoke about problems in St. Charles County and how the Republicans are closing and moving polling places that have been democratic in the past, making it harder for Democrats to vote.

Dennis Clancy, GCC/IBT, Local #38-N spoke about the mayor, the public school system and John McCain.

GOOD AND WELFARE

President Soutier informed the delegates that the IBEW Ladies Auxiliary would be selling items after the meeting.

Terry Hogle, Government Employees advised the delegates that her union is in an organizing drive at Lambert Airport.

Alan Wiggins, a Lambert employee spoke about problems at the airport.

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

September 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
Laurie Waterhouse

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 Dirksen
Matt Gober
Jacob Hummel
Nicholas Obermark
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 408 Members
Michael Pendergast
No. 1439 – 752 Members
Michael Walter
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
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
Keith Gentry
Robinette Hensley
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
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell

Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
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
Joe Eccardt
Marvin Grey
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
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
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
 Michael Murphy
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
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
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
 Gerard Burke
 Ray Cummings
 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.
 David Tolliver
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
Judy Davidson
Eric Davis
Levi Eddins
Michael Kelley
Robert Spence
Gary Torpea
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
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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