

::St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
April 21, 2009
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, April 21, 2009.

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, Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Donald Giljum, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier read a resolution in support of the historic tax credits. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as read. Note: See resolution in Executive Board Minutes.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called James F. Metz, C.W.A. #14620 (St. Louis Mailers); and Charles Groetke, IAMAW Lodge 688 Tool & Die Makers, 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 March 17, 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier spoke about the new radio program the Council is working on to get people thinking about buying union when they make a purchase or need a service. Soutier urged everyone to visit the new web site: www.take5forstl.com.

Soutier spoke about HJR #37, a piece of legislation in the Missouri House that would mandate secret ballots for all elections.

Soutier advised delegates of a rally in Jefferson City on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 to block HJR #37.

Soutier reminded delegates of the Labor Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2009.

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, April 16, 2009

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, Edward Fleming, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Gary Randel, United Way; Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri.

President Soutier thanked all in attendance and asked the group to introduce themselves.

The following members were sworn as new Board members to the Greater St. Louis Labor Council: Mark Staffne, Business Rep IBEW, Local #1439; Vincent Todt, Business Manager Elevator Constructors, Local #3; and Tony Rippetto, Directing Business Representative Machinist' District No. 9.

President Soutier spoke to the Board about the proposed WIL Radio spots promoting Take Five for St. Louis.com and advised the Board that the site is up and running and that he will try to get more participation from outside groups to reduce the cost.

President Soutier advised the Board that he would hold a meeting with all Labor Clubs in the future to review the rules and scope of involvement.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 gave a legislative update to the Board on HJR#37 Secret Ballot, Save Our Tips and the Transit Budget Cuts.

John Ebeling advised the Board that the Hannibal Days book was printed by non-union printers and he asked the members to discontinue advertising with them.

A resolution in support of the historic tax credits was read. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the resolution as read:

**Greater Saint Louis Labor Council Resolution In Support Of
No Changes to the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program**

WHEREAS the current Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit enables an investment tax credit equal to 25 percent of the approved costs associated with qualified rehabilitation on certified commercial or residential properties; and

WHEREAS approximately 40,000 state jobs have been created since the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program's inception in 1998 (including 4,900 jobs in fiscal year 2007); and

WHEREAS the rehabilitation projects which take place as a *direct result* of the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program create a steady demand for highly skilled building trades workers throughout the state, creating hundreds of thousands of man hours for operators, sheet metal workers, masons, carpenters, roofers, painters, glazers, plumbers and pipefitters, electricians, and other trades; and

WHEREAS over four billion dollars of investment has been leveraged state-wide as a result of the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program (including \$729,637,669 of investment in fiscal year 2007 alone), which spurs significant returns to the state and local political jurisdictions by putting vacant facilities back on their tax roles; and

WHEREAS The Greater St. Louis Labor Council supports legislation that improves the lives of working men and women throughout the state of Missouri by creating employment opportunities and promoting economic vitality in a distressed job market that impacts our state's residents now more than almost anytime in recent memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Saint Louis Labor Council supports no changes to the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program through the Missouri Legislature's Economic Development Bill and urges our State Representatives and Senators to vote accordingly and send a no-changes bill to the Governor for his signature.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 2009



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

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Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 advised the Board that his union had endorsed Robin Carnahan for the U.S. Senate and that they support all C.W.I.P. Legislation.

Gary Smith, Musicians, Local #2-197 informed the Board of problems with Lindenwood University and the new theatre using non-union stagehands and musicians.

Gary Randel, United Way of Greater St. Louis gave an update on the Five for the Fight fund.

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

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President

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COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 637.182 for March 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Yvette Goods, IBEW #1, thanked the Council for all the support of the Lew Moye retirement dinner and advised the delegates that the IBEW Ladies Auxiliary is selling items in the hall tonight.

Shannon Duffy, St. Louis Newspaper Guild, spoke about problems with negotiations with KSDK and asked delegates to call the station's news director and voice concerns. President Soutier asked Duffy to send a sample to the Council office and he will send a revised copy to the station's general manager.

Mike Chevot, Letter Carriers Branch #343, advised he had flyers in the rear of the room for drop off points for the food drive they sponsor.

Gary Smith, Musicians #2-197, spoke about the All Star Game to be played in St. Louis and potential problems with non-union musicians working. President Soutier stated that he would make some calls to get information and report back.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Tom George, IBEW #1, informed delegates that his union, as well as locals around the state, has endorsed all CWIP legislation and he has flyers in the back of the room.

Jim Metz, CWA #14620, donated \$500.00 dollars to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

Chico Humes, GCIU/IBT 6-505 spoke on single payer health plans.

Marcia Cline, SEIU #1, spoke on a conference being held for the coalition of Labor Union Women on cervical cancer.

Gary Smith, Musicians, donated \$75.00 to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

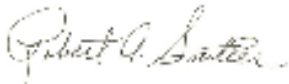
COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Fraternally,



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

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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
No. 6390 – 333 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620 – 200 Members
James Metz

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 567 Members
Shannon Duffy
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
Leon Arties
John Dirksen
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Thomas Sansevere

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members

Fran Dilliard
Mike Pendergast

No. 1439 – 752 Members

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

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
Ken Truemper

Iron Workers

**Bridge and Structural
Iron Workers**
No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil
Michael Butler
Don Robertson
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
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremens

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

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41
817 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael C. Ribbert

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members
Charles Groeteke
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members

Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
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

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members

Robert Soutier
Ellen Arbogast
James Dees
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

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

2000 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
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
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
No. 2730
Ervin Hupp
Kris Mueller
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

Judy Eggers
Paul Presson
Holly Sloan
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
James 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
Randy Charboneau
Michael Kelley
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

Tony Rippeto
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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