

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
August 18, 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, August 18, 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, Donald Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Michael Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Nancy Cross, Gordon King, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

A motion was made and seconded to allow IBT, Local #688 to join the Labor Council. All delegates voted in favor of the motion.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Michael Goebel, David Lalumondier, Roland Lewis, John Becker, Jr., and Patrick Raftery of Teamster's, Local #688 and John O'Mara and Michael Grady of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 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 July 21, 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The United Way Campaign kick-off video was shown to the delegate body.

Katie Gulley addressed the delegation regarding the Blue Green Alliance.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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, August 13, 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, Jim Daugherty, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippeto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Pat Kellett, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmerman

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger and Marcia Cline, United Way; Kim Besserman and Mike Kelley, The Kelley Group; Bill Esterline and Terry Loehrer, Pattonville Fire District; and Vicky Smolik, President Musicians 2-197.

President Soutier called on Mike Kelley of The Kelley Group for a presentation on the proposed E-911 Campaign in St. Louis County.

Mr. Kelley gave a brief explanation of the tax increase and then called on Fire Chief Terry Loehrer to give a detailed explanation of the proposed ballot measure that will enable police, fire and rescue to communicate together in St. Louis County.

After a discussion by the Board, they voted to endorse the E-911 Campaign.

President Soutier advised the Board that Teamsters, Local #688 has asked to join the Greater St. Louis Labor Council. It was voted on to accept them as a new member.

Soutier reminded the Board members of the upcoming parade marshal's meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Delegate meeting which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on August 18, 2009 at the IBEW, Local #1 Hall.

Soutier announced that the Andy Owens/Robert J. Kelley Awards dinner has been cancelled for 2009, due to the poor economy and the fact that so many of our members are out of work at this time. He stated that the awards would still be presented at the October 20, 2009 Delegate meeting to both Dave Sinclair and Tony Ellebracht.

President Soutier advised the Board of the 2009 United Way Trap Shoot on October 9, 2009.

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Marcia Cline also spoke regarding the issue and handed out copies of letters that will go out explaining time, place, cost etc. Marcia also explained the live auction sponsored by the United Way.

President Soutier read the Resolution on HR 676. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the resolution as read:

Resolution to AFL-CIO 2009 Convention

for Single-Payer Health Care - HR 676

Submitted by (St. Louis Labor Council, 8/13/09)

Our Nation is in crisis. People everywhere are experiencing the effects of economic dislocation and insecurity. The absence of a universal, comprehensive, single-payer health care system is a prominent factor in how desperate the situation is becoming for countless Americans. The Labor Movement has a special responsibility to aggressively address the social injustice of a broken health care system and lead the attack on the institutional causes of its perpetuation. Health care should be a right, not a privilege.

Whereas: the U.S. health system continues to treat health care as a commodity distributed according to ability to pay, rather than as a human right to be dispersed according to medical need. This has resulted in more than 49 million people in the U.S. not having any health insurance and another 40 million who have inadequate coverage with high co-pays and deductibles, with many others at risk of losing coverage as the economy spirals downward. A recent study has shown that 62% of bankruptcies in 2007 were related to problems involving health care. It is certain to be higher today.

Whereas: no union today can engage in collective bargaining without facing a demand or hard choices regarding health care coverage in our contracts. The disproportionate costs of health insurance at the bargaining table have significantly depressed our member's wages despite the productivity gains their work has produced. 'Reform' proposals which include a continuation of for-profit insurance companies, whose interests are counter to and often destructive of ours, will not control costs or improve the international competitiveness of U.S. based employers.

Whereas: HR 676 would end deductibles and co-payments, and provide an effective mechanism for controlling skyrocketing costs while covering all in America. And, HR 676 would save billions annually by eliminating the administrative burdens, overhead and profits and apply those savings to expanded and improved coverage for all.

Whereas: A Single-Payer health care system will provide a major stimulus to the economy, create millions of new jobs, positively increase the national GDP, and create billions in new tax revenues; and

Whereas: hundreds of union organizations, including 39 State Federations and numerous CLC's, have endorsed HR 676 and many have and continue to vigorously advocate for its enactment.

Therefore be it resolved, that the AFL-CIO adopt this resolution and endorse HR 676, the "United States National Health Care Act;" and "that the Federation and all its affiliates play a leading role ~ mobilizing broad public and political support for single-payer health care to meet the needs of our members, their families, and all in America.

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Approved the above resolution for submission to the AFL-CIO 2009 Convention and respectfully submit it to:

Secretary-Treasurer Richard L. Trumka AFL-CIO 815 16¹¹¹ Street NW Washington, DC 20006

Vicky Smolik, President of the Musicians, Local #2-197 spoke on the problems the Musicians Union is having with Lindenwood University. She also advised the Board that not all bands at the 2009 All Star Game were union bands.

Kevin McNatt, President Workers United, Local #74 spoke on the proposed smoking ban in St. Louis County. McNatt said in its current form the ban will allow smoking in bars with food sales of less than 25% of total revenue and Casinos. McNatt feels this will hurt his restaurants in the county and asked the Council to go on record to oppose the ban as proposed, but support one that will not discriminate against all restaurants and bars, but be fair. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept.

President Soutier will send a letter to the County Executive and County Council stating the position of the Board.

President Soutier asked the Board to approve the creation of a form which must be filled out in order for a person or group to present something to the Board for approval or support, i.e., resolutions, ballot initiatives, functions and the like. This form would state the intentions of the party, whether or not they are union, what the goal would be whether it would involve the use of union printers for flyers, etc. and other pertinent information. A motion was made, seconded and passed to draft such a document. Soutier said he will email the first draft to the Board members for approval or changes.

John Ebeling, First Vice President advised the members that Aloha Printing, a new printing shop has the capabilities to do banners.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M advised that one of his shops "Commerce Color" can also do small and large banners.

Ed Finkelstein, spoke on a story he will run in the Tribune on anti-union seminars he has attended to gain information.

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 spoke about the Workers United Rally and told the delegates that at this time, there is NO boycott planned.

Soutier urged delegates to tell workers that we are all behind them at Pinnacle and The President Casinos.

Soutier advised the delegates that he will be at the AFL-CIO Convention next month and that First Vice-President John Ebeling will chair the meeting.

Soutier reminded the delegates of the Tug-of-War to be held in Forest Park on Saturday, September 26th.

President Soutier advised the delegates that the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award and the Andy Owens Community Service Award will be presented to Dave Sinclair and Tony Ellebracht at the October 20, 2009 delegate meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 645.096 for July 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Kortkamp, Treasurer of the MO ARA thanked the delegates for attending the Health Care rally last week.

Brandon Flynn, Laborers, Local #42 asked the delegates to attend the Overland City Council meeting on September 14, 2009 where a council member is trying to repeal the Responsible Bidder language for contracts awarded.

Tony Harris, President Postal Workers spoke on the closing of post offices in the area and urged them to reconsider.

Mike Goebel, Secretary-Treasurer, IBT, Local #688 advised the delegates that Clint Zweifel will speak at a meeting at the 688 Union Hall on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 and invited all to attend.

President Soutier reminded the delegates about the 2009 Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 7, 2009.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Tim Green, IBEW, Local #1 rose to object to a fundraiser sponsored by the St. Louis Labor Council and the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council for St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann. Green stated that he does not like an outside group such as The Kelley Group being on the fundraising letter that was sent out. However, Green stated he likes Ehlmann and thinks he is doing a good job. Green then

made a motion to not allow outside vendors names to be shown on Council letterhead. This was seconded and approved by the body.

Senator Green rose again to say that he raised \$450,000 and questioned where a former labor leader now with the Kelley Group was when he did that and questioned his loyalty by representing Pinnacle and where was he when the workers were rallying last week.

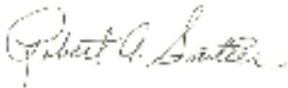
COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

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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August 2009

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
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
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Tim Green
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Tom Sansevere

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 408 Members
Fran Dilliard
Mike Pendergast

No. 1439 – 752 Members
Mark Staffne

No. 1455 – 745 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 372 Members
Vince Todt

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
Ken Truemper

Iron Workers

**Bridge and Structural
Iron Workers**
No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil
Don Robertson

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
Brandon Flinn
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rick Casson
Curt Wheeling
Don Willey
No. 660 – 225 Members
Perri Pryor
No. 718 – 100 Members

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343

1400 Members
Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Keith Gentry
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen

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

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

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

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members
Charles Groeteke
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members
Mike Hahn
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members
Ron Evola
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
Ellen Arbogast
James Dees
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
Mike Grady

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
 Tony Harris
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

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
 Jack Beckman

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
 Ervin Hupp

Kris Mueller
No. 2370
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
 Judy Eggers
 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
 Byron Clemens

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

Teamsters
No. 688
 Michael Goebel
 John Becker, Jr.
 Roland Lewis
 Pat Raftery

Transportation Communications Union
No. 512 – 250 Members
No. 554 – 127 Members

Transit Union
No. 788 – 1500 Members

Edward Fleming, Jr.
Darrell Pulliam
David Tolliver
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

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

**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 Rippetto
Mark Conner

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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