

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**December 15, 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, December 15, 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, Joseph Barrett, 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**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the November 17, 2009 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 reported on activities he was involved in and spoke about the state of the Labor Movement.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

First Vice President, John Ebeling read the Executive Board report as follows:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinist's District No. 9  
Thursday, December 10, 2009

The December 10, 2009 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, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Mike Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and David Zimmermann.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett Tony Ellebracht, Pat Kellett, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Also present Ed Finkelstein of the Labor Tribune, Marcia Cline of the United Way, and Nettie Self, of CORO.

President Soutier reminded the Board members about the donations to be made to the \$5 for the Fight in lieu of gifts for the kids at this year's Union Reps Christmas Party.

Soutier advised the Board that the Council office will be closed for the holidays from December 23 through January 3, and will reopen on January 4, 2010.

President Soutier spoke regarding the purchase of a tent for Mardi Gras this year and stated that more information in the form of a letter will follow.

The Board voted to give Karen Lyons (Bob Soutier's assistant and office manager) a \$5,000 bonus for 2009 for all of her dedicated hard work and jobs well done.

Soutier spoke about the union radio promotion and indicated that there will be a shortfall in payment. He asked for help in paying the excess. The Board indicated that they would help with this matter.

President Soutier stated that once the exact amount is known, he will be sending out invoicing.

Soutier reported on the SSM payout of \$1,700,000 ordered by the Department of Labor to the nurses for excess overtime that they worked, which the hospital did not pay.

Jerry Feldhaus, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council, thanked Hugh McVey, President of the Missouri AFL-CIO for his efforts to get the China hub for St. Louis.

Kevin McNatt, President Unite Here, Local #74 spoke about union restaurants and why you should have fundraisers at these venues.

Dave Zimmermann, President/Business Manager Sheet Metal, Local #36 advised us that the American Eagle Credit Union is no longer union. He also asked to have Emerson Electric placed on the "Do-Not Patronize" list due to the attacks on workers by CEO David Farr. A motion was made, seconded and approved to do so.

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Mike Goebel, Secretary/Treasurer of Teamsters, Local #688 offered the Teamster Camp located in Pevely, MO for fundraisers and outings in 2010.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division, spoke about "Save our Secret Ballot" and advised that the sponsors are out gaining signatures for the petition. She urged all not to sign and to please be aware of things you are asked to sign.

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 minutes as read.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 648.028 for November 2009.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 offered refreshments to the delegates at this holiday meeting, compliments of IBEW, Local 1.

Bryon Clemens, AFT #420 reported that teachers are taking time off in order to keep other teachers from being laid off. He also stated that some legislators are attempting to take teachers' pensions away.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 advised the delegates of the CBTU celebration on January 18, 2010 at the IBEW Hall.

Shannon Duffy, Business Manger, St. Louis Newspaper Guild reported on the rally and the problems with the Post Dispatch. Duffy said the Post has sent letters to their retirees, canceling insurance benefits. Duffy said the Guild will be going after the Board of Directors.

Tony Rippetto of IAM, Local #777 donated \$700 to the Five for the Fight Fund.

Ken Truemper, of the Missouri University Extension invited delegates to attend the labor law breakfast on the second Tuesday of the month at IBEW, Local #1439 Union Hall.

John Gwaltney, IAM, Local #837 informed the delegates that he is running for State Representative in District #77.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

**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,



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

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**December 2009**

The following Delegates were present:

**Administrator's Association of the St. Louis Public Schools, Local #44**  
88 Members

**Aluminum, Brick & Glass Workers Local #169** – 284 Members

**Asbestos Workers Local 1** – 369 Members  
John Stiffler

**Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Bakers No. 4** – 963 Members

**Bricklayers No. 1** – 1093 Members  
Joseph Schonlau

**Chemical Workers Union No. 432** – 172 Members

**Communications Workers No. 6300** – 4248 Members  
Tony Ellebracht  
Earline Jones

**Print & Media Sector**  
John Ebeling  
**No. 6350** – 209 Members  
**No. 6390** – 150 Members

**St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620** – 250 Members  
James Metz

**St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047** – 353 Members  
Shannon Duffy

**Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers No. 818** – 21 Members

**Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers No.1** – 4300 Members  
Tom George  
Tom Berger  
Matt Gober  
Yvette Goods  
Jake Hummel  
Brian Lavac  
Bill Waterhouse  
**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 296 Members

Fran Dilliard  
Mike Pendergast  
**No. 1439** – 593 Members  
Mark Staffne  
**No. 1455** – 650 Members

**Elevator Constructors No. 3** - 352 Members  
Vince Todt

**Operating Engineers No. 148** – 1,453 Members  
Don Giljum  
Linda Thurman

**Federal Labor and Trade Unions No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)**  
8 members

**Fire Fighters No. 73** – 434 Members  
**No. 757** – 72 Members  
**No. 1889** – 118 Members  
**No. 2665** – 1,839 Members  
Mark Woolbright  
**No. 2677** – 21 Members

**Lindbergh Federation of Food Service Employees Local 6006** – 40 Members  
**Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers (GMP)**  
Local 182B – 45 Members

**American Federation of Government Employees**  
No. 3354 – 50 Members

**GCC/IBT**  
International Union  
**No. 38 N** – 100 Members  
Dennis Clancy  
William Sullivan, Jr.  
**No. 6-505M** – 1240 Members  
Chico Humes  
Donald Osiek  
Kenneth Truemper

**Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 396** – 850 Members  
Tom McNeil  
Bill Brennell  
Mike 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  
**Letter Carriers Branch No. 343**  
1400 Members  
Mike Chenot  
Gus Frank  
Keith Gentry  
Melvin McNair  
Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
No. 1652 – 20 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**  
**Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
697 Members  
Stephen Branson  
Michael Ribbert  
Larry Williams  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
167 Members  
Charles Groeteke  
Al Mieger  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
1769 Members  
Calvin Davis  
Dave Meinell  
Mike Musgrove  
Dennis Schleeper  
Ron Wolff  
**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
1948 Members  
Ron Evola  
Kurt Manns  
Steve Newell  
Tim Randall  
**District 837 Lodge “B”**  
1465 Members  
Bert Atkins  
Don Lummus  
**Production Workers Lodge 1345**  
1455 Members  
Robert Soutier

James Dees  
Robert Kortkamp  
**Lodge No. 1745 – 303 Members**  
**Musicians No. 2-197 -543 Members**  
Gary Smith  
**Office and Professional Employees**  
No. 13 – 329 Members  
No. 277 – 10 Members  
**Plumbers and Pipe Fitters**  
No. 562 -- 1000 Members  
Patrick Kellett  
Brian Chumley  
**Sprinkler Fitters No. 268**  
350 Members  
**Postal Workers Union**  
**St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8**  
1950 Members  
**Local 7043 – 100 Members**  
**Professional Airways System Specialist**  
**(PASS) Gateway Chapter, #255**  
86 Members  
**Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Wkrs.**  
**Roofers No. 2 – 400 Members**  
**Seafarers International Union**  
300 Members  
**Service Employees Intl. Union**  
**No. 1 (The MO Division)**  
– 3650 Members  
Nancy Cross  
Marcia Cline  
**Sheet Metal Workers**  
No. 36 – 1,731 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 – 90 Members  
**Theatrical Employees - (Ushers,**  
**Usherettes and Ticket Takers)**  
No. B-2 – 225 Members  
**Theatrical Brotherhood – (Stage**  
**Hands) No. 6 – 124 Members**

**Projectionists, Audio Visual  
 Engineers & Computer  
 Technicians**  
 No. 143 – 35 Members  
**Treasurers and Ticket Sellers**  
 No. 774 – 57 Members  
**Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants**  
 No. 805 – 28 Members  
**United Steel Workers International  
 Union**  
**U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6**  
 917 Members  
 Pat White  
**U.S.W., No. 11-152** – 45 Members  
**U.S.W., No. 11-194** – 251 Members  
 Judy Eggers  
 Paul Presson  
 Holly Sloan  
**U.S.W., No. 884** – 87 Members  
**Steelworkers**  
 No. 9014 – 659 Members  
 Gary Reay  
**Wholesale Upholsterers**  
 No. 25 – 32 Members  
**Awning & Tent Workers & Decorators**  
**Decorators & Displaymen**  
 No. 39 – 50 Members  
**Teachers**  
**St. Louis Teachers**  
 No. 420 – 1852 Members  
 Mary Armstrong  
 Byron Clemens  
**Lindbergh Federation**  
 No. 2420 – 2 Members  
**Junior College Dist. Federation**  
 No. 3506 – 87 Members  
**Wentzville Federation of School-  
 Related Employees,**  
 No. 4894 – 150 Members  
**Teamsters**  
 No. 688 – 500 Members  
 Michael Goebel  
 John Becker, Jr.  
**Transit Union**  
 No. 788 – 1,220 Members  
 Edward Fleming, Jr.  
**Transport Workers Union of America**  
 No. 529 – 423 Members

**Transport Workers Union**  
**Railroad Division**  
 No. 1647 – 10 Members  
**Utility Workers**  
 No. 335 – 446 Members  
**UNITE HERE - Union of Needletrades,  
 Industrial and Textile Employees**  
**St. Louis District Joint Board**  
 No. 56A – 75 Members  
 No. 74 – 2000 Members  
 Kevin McNatt  
 No. 104 – 10 Members  
 No. 254C – 10 Members  
 No. 428 – 5 Members  
**United Food and Commercial Workers,**  
 No. 655 – 10,965 Members  
 Jim Dougherty  
 Eric Davis  
 Levi Eddins  
 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  
 Eastern Mo. Laborers  
 District Council  
 Machinists & Aerospace Workers  
 District 9  
 Tony Rippetto  
 District Lodge No. 837  
 Gordon King  
 Painter's District Council No. #2  
 Joseph Barrett  
 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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