

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
January 20, 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, January 20, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Patrick White, and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Nancy Cross, Kevin Kenny, Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Thomas Sansevere, IBEW Local #1; Holly Sloan, USW, Local #11-194; and Ken Walters, IAFF Firefighters, Local #73 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 December 16, 2008 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 read a memo that was handed to him regarding a public hearing as follows:

Memo: The Crystal City Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing scheduled Thursday, January 22, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be for the conditional-use permit sought by Wings Enterprise, the developer of the Iron Ore Smelter in Crystal City. Please attend this public hearing in support of the smelter, arrive at 5:00 p.m. at Crystal City High School. Direction to the school, go 61-67 to Bradley Road, take that to Mississippi Avenue, and make a left to the school.

Soutier spoke on H.R. 676 Single Payer Healthcare.

President Soutier announced that Roger E. Poole, Directing Business Representative for Machinists District No. 9 had stated at the previous Executive Board meeting that he would be retiring from that position.

Soutier thanked Roger Poole for his service to the Council as Trustee and Vice President and wished him well in his retirement.

Brother Poole spoke to the Delegates for a brief time and thanked the Council for its support of him while in office.

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, January 15, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Pat Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, John Stiffler, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Marcia Cline, United Way; Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri; Jerry Tucker, Single Payer Healthcare; and Robert Kortkamp, President Missouri ARA.

Bob Kortkamp advised the Board that Dave Meinell, retired IAM Automotive Lodge #777 employee, would be the new Missouri Association for Retired Americans President, as Kortkamp will be stepping down from that position. Kortkamp will assume the role of Vice President to the Missouri ARA.

Jerry Tucker spoke about Single-Payer Healthcare and asked the Board to continue to support the concept.

Marcia Cline gave an update on the Five for the Fight endeavor showing the Board the number of members that have been helped by this fund.

Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke about the LERA meetings, The Technology Conference and the labor films that she is showing prior to the Council meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Ed Finkelstein advised the Board of serious problems with the Labor Tribune.

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President Soutier gave an update on the Mardi Gras labor tent for the parade to be held on Saturday, February 21st in Soulard.

President Soutier advised the Board of the Labor Technology Conference to be held on Wednesday February 18, 2009 at the Sprinkler Fitters, Local #268 Hall located at 1544 South Third Street and urged all to attend.

Two resolutions were submitted for Board action.

The first resolution brought before the Board by Ed Finkelstein is as follows:

Resolution of Support for Israel

WHEREAS, the current crisis in the Middle East between Israel and the terrorist organization Hamas has reached epic proportions; and

WHEREAS, this destruction has overshadowed the fact that Hamas, by its continued rocket assault on Israel since Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005 (6,500 rockets have been fired into Israel since the withdrawal); and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 Israelis, men, women and children have been injured by these rocket attacks since 2001; and

WHEREAS, until the recent breakout of hostilities, Israel has shown great restraint and absorbed the punishment of over 10,000 rockets being fired from Gaza by Hamas since 2001, while the International community did little to stop Hamas; and

WHEREAS, Israel has finally said “ENOUGH” and launched a counter-offensive into Gaza to stop the Hamas onslaught; and

WHEREAS, Israel has done everything in its power to try and negotiate a peace settlement with the Palestinians, efforts met with even more rockets into Israel by Hamas in a deliberate attempt to stop any meaningful peace negotiations; and

WHEREAS, any nation has the inherent right of self defense, a right now being exercised by the Israel Defense Forces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grater St. Louis Labor Council go on record as supporting the State of Israel in its current efforts to disarm Hamas and stop the unprovoked rocket attacks on Israel; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathies to the innocent Palestinians and Israelis caught in the middle of this self-defense effort and commend the State of Israel for providing humanitarian aid to Gaza even as the fighting continues urging them to do even more; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on all Hamas to stop using its own citizens as human shields and using public facilities like schools and mosques as launching sites for their rocket attacks, which only insures more civilian casualties, a goal that apparently Hamas wants to encourage in an inhumane effort to garner world sympathy; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all peace-loving nations stand up and condemn Hamas for its intentional efforts to use the Palestinians as fodder to stoke the fires of hatred of Israel around the world, and effort that ultimately is doomed to failure as the rest of the world sees what Hamas is doing to its own people. Hamas can end the carnage tomorrow by simply agreeing to permanently stop firing rockets into Israel. That they refuse to do so shows that it is Hamas that is the real aggressor here and has no desire for peace. As long as that attitude prevails, Israel has the right to defend its borders and its citizens. America would do nothing less if we were under constant attack.

Approved this day 15th day of January, 2009-01-16

Executive Board of the Greater St. Louis Labor Council
Robert A. Soutier, President

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as stated.

The second resolution brought before the Board by Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division is as follows:

Economic Recovery Plan

WHEREAS, thousands of St. Louisans are presently without jobs or prospects for jobs, and

WHEREAS, the loss of jobs means for many, hunger, the loss of decent health care, the threat of home or other foreclosures or evictions, the threat of utility shut-offs, and of bankruptcy, and

WHEREAS, the loss of jobs also means loss of earnings and other revenue for the City of St. Louis, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is in need of street repair, bridge repair, sewer repair, improved mass transit and major renovation of public housing, and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri currently has a \$450 million budget deficit and

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WHEREAS, the United States of America is currently in the worst recession since the Great Depression and economic indicators project 4 million more jobs lost this year, hardship for millions more and continued insecurity, and

WHEREAS, during the administration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, among measures for public relief, the Civil Works Administration (CWA), followed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) were put in place in aid of the unemployed, and

WHEREAS, President-elect Barack Obama's Economic Recovery Plan would put millions of Americans back to work rebuilding our infrastructure, our streets, bridges, sewers, mass transit and other public services

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, representing 80,000 union members, retirees and their families, call on the Federal Government to support the Obama Administration's Economic Recovery Plan which will put St. Louis and America back to work on useful projects to improve the quality of all American life, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Missouri AFL-CIO, to the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen, and to the Secretaries of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Approved this day 15th day of January, 2009-01-16

Executive Board of the Greater St. Louis Labor Council
Robert A. Soutier, President

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as stated.

President Soutier appointed a committee to look into the creation of a job fair to help members who are out of work. The committee will be made up of Nancy Cross, Earline Jones, Don Giljum, Tom George, Marcia Cline and President Soutier.

Roger Poole spoke to the Board about the need to contact Senator McCaskill and urge her to sign onto The Employee Free Choice Act.

It was decided that President Soutier would enlist support from other labor councils around the state and then request State Federation President, Hugh McVey to contact Senator McCaskill.

Roger Poole, Directing Business Representative of Machinists District No. 9 announced to the Board that he would be retiring on March 31, 2009.

Earline Jones, President Communication Workers, Local #6377 announced to the Board that she would retire in April of 2009.

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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.

COPE REPORT

President Soutier read the following early endorsements for the City of Arnold:

Mayor: Phil Amato
Ward I: Randy Crisler
Ward 2: Bill Moritz
Ward 3: Vern Sullivan
Ward 4: Claude "Butch" Cooley

Please note that the following changes were made to the previous list on January 22, 2009, per the Jefferson County Labor Club.

Mayor:	Originally - Mark Powell	Now - Phil Amato
Ward 3:	Originally - Phil Amato	Now - Vern Sullivan

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the endorsements as given.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 636.332 for November 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

President Soutier read the aforementioned resolution in support of Israel. A motion was made, seconded and approved to table the resolution.

President read the aforementioned resolution regarding the economic plan. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the resolution.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Marcia Cline advised the delegates of a rally for Steelworkers to be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Brian Chumley, Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 rose to ask support for “Buy American”.

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
James Kolve

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

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 Dirksen
Matt Gober
Nicholas Obermark
Thomas 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

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
Chris Molitor

Ken Walters

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

Longshoremen

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

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

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

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Dennis Schleeper
Scott Stackle
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members
Ron Evola
Kurt Manns
Steve Newell

District 837 Lodge “B”

1657 Members

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members
Robert Soutier
James Dees
Glenn Donnelly
Marvin Gray
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
No. 2730
 Daniel Dyer
 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
 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
 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.
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
Michael Kelley

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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