

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**July 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, July 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, Donald Giljum, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Mary Armstrong, Gordon King, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and David Zimmermann.

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the June 16, 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

President Soutier and his Assistant Karen Lyons conducted the 2009 Labor Day Parade line-up drawing. Lineup information will be sent to the participations hopefully the last week of July.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Soutier asked all labor clubs to not make any endorsements prior to the end of the filing deadline. The only exception should be the friendly incumbent rule.

Soutier spoke on a rally for the UAW to be held on July 24, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Chrysler plant in Fenton.

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, July 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, Jim Daugherty, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt and Patrick White.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmerman

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

President Soutier introduced guests, Bob Baer and Adella Jones from Metro Link. Mr. Baer spoke to the Board regarding the importance of Metro Link in our area and the quality jobs they provide.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division, urged the Board to get behind Metro Link and support any issues that need Labor's support in the future.

A question and answer period followed the comments by Mr. Baer.

The Board had a discussion on the recent radio promotion being run on several stations; talking mainly about the importance of providing the stations with more material.

President Soutier advised the Board that he had met with Mike Goebel, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters, Local #688 about joining the Labor Council in some capacity.

The Board members voted unanimously to have Soutier enter into discussions with the Teamsters regarding membership in the Council. It was noted that there are a number of mutual interests between the Council and the Teamsters.

President Soutier spoke to the Board about the Boeing Rally which was held at the Machinists Hall on June 7 and also the work the Council has been doing on Employee Free Choice.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the 2009 Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 7. He also stated that the lottery drawing for parade line-up positions will take place at the next Delegate meeting which will be on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at the IBEW, Local #1 Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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President Soutier also reminded the Board of the upcoming Andy Owens/Robert J. Kelley Awards dinner that will be held on Friday, November 20, 2009 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

The following UNITE HERE, Local #74 Resolution was passed:

**Resolution on Ending the Destructive Battle  
Between UNITE HERE and Workers United**

**WHEREAS**, the labor movement faces a moment of tremendous opportunity to win passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, gain healthcare reform and press for a progressive agenda in the interests of working people; and

**WHEREAS**, the battle between UNITE HERE and Workers United has led to bitter insults and vicious charges and counter-charges that are providing ammunition to the enemies of the labor movement, damaging the image of the entire labor movement and undermining the movement's ability to serve working people; and

**WHEREAS**, the battle between them has encouraged employers to attack low-wage workers, including many women, immigrants and people of color, by refusing to bargain first and successor contracts, refusing access to union representatives in violation of union contracts, and refusing to remit union dues deducted from the workers paychecks;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

We call upon UNITE HERE and Workers United to end their dispute immediately.

The unions should immediately begin negotiations to resolve the entire dispute. The negotiations should use the proposal developed by UFCW President Hansen as a framework for these negotiations. If they are unsuccessful in negotiating a settlement by the end of June, they should agree to final, binding arbitration of all issues in dispute.

The unions should immediately take steps to end and repair the damage from this destructive conflict by:

1. Agreeing to a moratorium on the filing of charges and lawsuits against each other.
2. Ceasing any and all activity aimed at getting employers to refuse to recognize their union, refuse to adhere to the union contract and refuse to remit union dues.
3. Affirmatively, writing all UNITE HERE and Workers United employers urging them to recognize their union and to adhere to their union contracts.
4. Stopping all activity aimed at undermining the support for the other union among its membership.

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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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#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 646.121 for June 2009.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Soutier advised the delegates that the 2009 Labor Day Parade would be Monday, September 7, 2009 and the theme this year is "Buy American!"

Ron Evola, IAM 837 spoke on issues that were discussed at the aerospace conference he attended. He also spoke on the Employee Free Choice Act and free trade.

Yvette Goods and Leon Arties, IBEW, Local #1 spoke about a golf tournament to be held on September 20, 2009 at the Golf Club of Florissant to raise funds to provide coats for kids.

Yvette also spoke regarding "Save our Secret Ballot" and the fake petitions being circulated.

Marcia Cline, SEIU, Local #1 advised the Delegates of the NACA Save the Dream Tour that will be coming to Chaifetz Arena from Friday July 31 thru Monday Aug 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. providing assistance to families that may be losing their homes.

Bob Kortkamp, Secretary-Treasurer MO ARA invited all to attend a town hall meeting at IAM 837 Union Hall on August 13, 2009, and urged support of President Obamas' goals.

Lou Moye, CBTU spoke on the UAW rally and stated that the reason they are protesting now is that after making concessions they still closed eight plants in the US, but none in Canada or Mexico.

Dave Meinell, President MO ARA provided Delegates with a number to call which will connect them with their Representative. The number is 1-800-603-7348.

Fred Sexauer announced the Tug-of-War contest to be held in Forest Park on September 24, 2009.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Cortnie Stone and Lauren Green spoke on the 2009 MDA fundraiser.

President Soutier read the following resolution in support of the MDA:

### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO endorses the Annual Labor of Love Campaign

That each Local within the St. Louis CLC will be encouraged to purchase a Gold (\$500) or Silver (\$250) star in August which will support their local families and Telethon broadcast

That the St. Louis CLC Locals will have the opportunity to attend the local broadcast of the Labor Day Telethon and be a part of the phone bank during the Labor of Love hour

That the St. Louis CLC not delay in their important decision to support this very worthy cause that benefits many of our members, neighbors and friends

Submitted 7-21-09

Robert A. Soutier

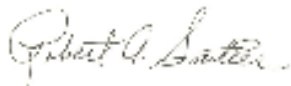
### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The community services' drawing was held. Winner of the drawing, Roz Sherman-Voellinger donated the winnings to the \$5 for the Fight Fund,

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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**July 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  
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

**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  
Tom Berger  
Matt Gober  
Yvette Goods  
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  
Linda Thurman

**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  
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  
Rick Casson  
Tom Daniels  
Don Willey  
**No. 660** – 225 Members  
Perri Pryor  
Guy Calloway, Jr.  
**No. 718** – 100 Members

**Letter Carriers Branch No. 343**

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

**Longshoremen**

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

**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**

**Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
817 Members

Stephen Branson  
Michael C. Ribbert  
Larry Williams

**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  
Ron Wolff

**District 837 Lodge “A”**

2000 Members  
Ron Evola  
Zachary Frago  
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  
James Dees  
Glenn Donnelly  
Marvin Grey  
Robert Kortkamp

**Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members**

**Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members**

Gary Smith  
Jan Scott

**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  
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  
**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

**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  
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  
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  
**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

Merri Berry

Randy Charboneau

Eric Davis

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

Laura Moore

Eastern Mo. Laborers

District Council

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

District 9

Tony Rippetto

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

Lew Moye

A. Philip Randolph Institute,

St. Louis Chapter (APRI)

Coalition of Labor Union Women

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