

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
March 17, 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, March 17, 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, 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, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Donald Giljum, Tony Ellebracht, Roger Poole and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier read a resolution submitted by AFGE. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as read:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AFGE'S CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZE THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)

WHEREAS—The American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO has consistently and successfully worked to organize and represent the federal employees of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) during the entire seven year-plus history of the TSA, in spite of every legal, political and management obstacle; and

WHEREAS—AFGE has established a record of accomplishment on behalf of TSA workers, winning many cases on behalf of individual members--including a key decision before the U.S. 9th Circuit Court-- and using all available means to win improvements on the job, in spite of the lack of formal recognition; and

WHEREAS—more than 10,000 of the 38,000 federal Transportation Security Officers (TSO's), Behavior Detection Officers (BDO's) and Lead TSO's are already dues-paying members of AFGE, thereby showing their support of AFGE as their union; and

WHEREAS—the AFL-CIO has consistently supported AFGE's efforts to organize TSA during the whole tenure of the Bush Administration, including featuring TSO efforts to secure collective bargaining rights as part of the "Voice at Work" campaign; and

WHEREAS-- AFL-CIO State Federations and Central Labor Councils have supported AFGE with timely resolutions and petitions against contracting out federal screening functions and in favor of collective bargaining rights; and

WHEREAS--the AFL-CIO has provided several significant organizing grants to AFGE for the TSA campaign; and

WHEREAS--the AFL-CIO has invited AFGE members from TSA to speak at key EFCA rallies and public meetings and has put the rights of TSA employees to organize on every list of political and legislative priorities for needed change; and

WHEREAS—on August 7, 2007 AFL-CIO President Sweeney reported that the Strategic Campaign Registration Program Oversight Panel had granted AFGE's TSA Registration Request for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS—with the ascension of a more pro-labor Administration in Washington, a legal framework for collective bargaining for TSA employees now seems in sight; and

WHEREAS—the election of AFGE as the exclusive representative of all eligible TSA federal employees would be a significant victory for union rights on the job for all working people in this country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AFL-CIO hereby re-affirms its support for AFGE's TSA campaign as a strategic campaign and expresses its support for AFGE in its efforts to become the exclusive representative of all eligible employees of the Transportation Security Administration nationwide; and calls upon all of labor in the Transportation Sector, and indeed all of organized labor to grant all material and moral support without qualification to the AFGE campaign for recognition at TSA; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we call up Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to take immediate administrative and executive action to grant collective bargaining rights and workplace protections to TSOs; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we call upon our Senators and Representatives to support legislation to permanently grant collective bargaining rights and workplace protections to TSOs.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 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 reminded the delegates about the Missouri AFL-CIO 22nd Bi-Annual Community Services Conference being held June 14 through June 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

President Soutier spoke about the Employee Free Choice Act.

Soutier advised the delegates of the annual Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 3 at the Shrine of St. Joseph's and the brunch to follow at Maggie O'Brien's Restaurant.

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, March 5, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Kevin Kenny, Tom McNeil, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, and Patrick White. (Note: Ed Fleming was represented by Gwen Harris and Mark Woolbright was a call-in)

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Perri Pryor and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Marcia Cline, United Way; Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri; Vince Todt, Business Manager Elevators, Local #3; Kevin Kujawa, President Communication Workers, Local #6300; Les Halveland, Secretary-Treasurer, UNITE HERE, Local #74; Dan McKay, President Teamsters, Local #600; Brandon Flinn, Business Manager, Laborers, Local #42; Vicky Smolik, President Musicians, Local #2-197; and Don Brown, Business Manager, Bricklayers, Local #1.

President Soutier thanked all for attending this important meeting and asked each person to introduce themselves.

President Soutier spoke to the Board about the proposed WIL Radio spots promoting unions in the St. Louis area called "Take Five for STL.com". After much discussion, it was decided to move forward with the idea and enter into discussions with the radio station.

All in attendance agreed that in keeping with the brotherhood of the labor movement, it would be right to include all labor unions in this endeavor regardless of their ability to pay.

President Soutier read the following COPE recommendations:

Recommendations for Endorsement:

Submitted by: Leland White, Warrenton Labor Legislative Club

<u>Office Sought</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Alderman – Wright City	Ward #1	Tom Black
Alderman – Wright City	Ward #2	Jamie Abercumbie

School Board – Wright City
Wright City Fire Board
Warrenton Fire District
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Laura Marsh
Keith Thompson
Steve Reese

Recommendations for Endorsement:

Submitted by: Scott Ramshaw, South County Labor Club

<u>Office Sought</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Afton School District		Doug Beck
Mehlville School District		Tom Diehl
Mehlville School District		Mike O’Cello

President Soutier advised the Board that Hazelwood School Board member Desiree Whitlock would have a lit drop on Saturday, March 7th at Rookies at 367 and Parker Road at 9:00 a.m., and again on Saturday, March 28 at Deevers, Howdershell and Charbonier at 9:00 a.m.

Roger Poole, District 9 Machinists thanked the Board for the help and commitment they have made to him and his union over the past years. Roger indicated that this would be the last executive board meeting he would attend, and that Tony Rippetto will be replacing him on the Board.

John Ebeling urged a greater voter turnout in the April elections in St. Louis.

Les Halveland reported that UNITE HERE, Local #74 had won the election at Lumiere Casino in downtown St. Louis.

Vicky Smolik reported on problems with Lindenwood University and the labor agreement.

President Soutier was asked to send out a “Five for the Fight” letter to all affiliates asking for donations directly from them. President Soutier said that he would be happy to do so.

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

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President

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COPE REPORT

As stated in the Executive Board minutes:

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School Board – Wright City		Laura Marsh
Wright City Fire Board		Keith Thompson
Warrenton Fire District		Steve Reese

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COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 632.491 for January 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Byron Clemmons, AFT #420, thanked Congressman Carnahan for his support of the EFCA. Clemmons asked the Council to send a letter on behalf of the Teachers’ Union to the Construction Career Center. President Soutier advised that he would do so.

Kenard McDonald, SEIU #1, advised the delegates of a job action against all big banks. The action will take place at 100 North Broadway starting at noon on March 19, 2009.

Jim Hamilton, AFT #420, spoke about the Workers Recovery Plan.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Leon Ortiz, IBEW #1, invited delegates to a walk for Fire Board Director, Sylvester Taylor, on Saturday.

Bob Kortkamp, Treasurer MO-ARA, IAM #1345, spoke about the 30th anniversary of the Union Labor Mass on May 3, 2009, and urged all to attend.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Soutier".

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
Clara Shoals

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
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
Tom Berger
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
Michael Yates

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
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
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney
Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 16 Members
No. 1765 – 294 Members
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
817 Members
Richard Feldhaus
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
208 Members
Al Mieger
Automotive Lodge No. 777
2641 Members

Dave Meinell
District 837 Lodge “A”
2000 Members
Ron Evola
Zach Frago
Kurt Manns
Steve Newell
Tim Randall (EXCUSED)
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
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
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
Anthony 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
Kennard McDonald
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
**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
Daniel Dyer
Erv 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
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
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
Levi Eddins III
Michael Kelley
Michael Rieger
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

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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