

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
May 19, 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, May 19, 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, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Donald Giljum, Jim Dougherty, Tom George, Kevin Kenny, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Joseph Schonlau, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier read a resolution in support of the 2009 United Way Campaign. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as read. NOTE: See Resolution in Executive Board Minutes.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 21, 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 reported that he will be on KMOX radio on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. speaking on the Employee Free Choice Act.

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, May 14, 2009

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The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by First Vice President, John Ebeling.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Edward Fleming, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Robert Soutier, Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Earline Jones, Kevin Kenny, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Vincent Todt, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Marcia Cline, United Way; Roz Sherman Voellinger, Labor Relations Specialist University of Missouri, and Richard Gray, Vice President of St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation and Toy Lee also of the Foundation, and Karen Lyons, Assistant to President Robert Soutier.

Vice President Ebeling introduced Richard Gray who spoke about the Project 10,000 Kids Ticket Fund Drive which was established in 1995 as a way to encourage individuals, organizations, and corporations to make a donation to the Foundation's ticket fund, which is used to purchase tickets for youth to attend the Annual Gateway Football Classic. The organization also gives scholarships to C+ students, which are 4-year \$40,000 scholarships. Mr. Gray asked for the support of the labor movement in the form of contributions.

It was noted by David Zimmerman, President Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 that all work done at the Foundation is done with union labor.

Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 made a recommendation to make a donation to the Gateway Classic.

John Ebeling began the meeting by asking Karen Lyons to give an update on Bob Soutier. It was said that Bob was not at the Executive Board meeting due to the fact that he was taking a few tests to prepare for a small surgery scheduled for Monday, May 18 to remove a cyst from his spine.

John Ebeling read the 2009 United Way Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, enthusiastically supports the United Way because we believe it to be the way to meet the many needs of all our citizens in the area of health, welfare, and social services through nearly 200 local agencies; and

WHEREAS: There can be no doubt that the United Way possesses the talent and ability to assure the highest degree of use for the voluntary dollars collected than any other group or any other fundraising campaign because of its experience and expertise; and

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WHEREAS: when the leadership of the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, has called upon the United Way labor staff to provide assistance to union brothers and sisters, the response has been swift and extremely positive;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, through its Community Services Committee, endorses the 2009 United Way Campaign, "Lend a Hand," and urges all members of organized labor to help people our community by making a contribution to the 2009 United Way Campaign.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert A. Soutier, President

Voted on and adopted at the St. Louis Labor Council Executive Board meeting held on: Thursday, May 14, 2009 and at the Council Delegate Body meeting held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Resolution as read.

Marcia Cline commented on the increased needs of people in this economy and stated that people who are normally on the giving side now find themselves on the receiving end of things and the difficulty of that situation for most of our members.

It was agreed that the annual Labor Council donation to the United Way be increased to compensate for the increase in cases.

Marcia also announced the date of the Trap Shoot as Friday, October 9, 2009 at the same location as last year, Olin Westerner Club Trap & Skeet Field on Powder Mill Road in East Alton. The BBQ that follows will be held at Gordon Moore Park in the Muensterman Building.

Marcia commented that this fund raiser made more money than any other the United Way has ever held and asked for our continued support.

John Ebeling reminded the Board of the upcoming Andy Owens & Robert J. Kelley awards dinner on Friday, November 20, 2009 at Norwood Hills Country Club. It was noted that Tony Ellebracht will be receiving the Andy Owens Award and that Dave Sinclair would be receiving the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor award.

A discussion followed on Dave Sinclair and his recent television commercials, his concern about his community and his unfailing support of unions. It was noted that Labor has no greater friend than Dave Sinclair.

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Roz Sherman Voellinger stated that 28 minutes of his speech at the recent rally in St. Louis can be heard on the Channel 5 website.

John Ebeling informed the Board of the upcoming Boeing Rally scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2009 at the Machinists' District 9 Building at 12365 St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton and asked for an impressive turnout.

Ed Finkelstein commented that Boeing provides over 60,000 jobs in the area and employees people in every county in Missouri. He stated that if the F-18 & the C-17 would be eliminated he would run an article entitled "Economic Atomic Bomb," because he feels that the affect would be that devastating to the St. Louis region.

A discussion ensued on the Boeing agenda with Gordon King; President IAM Aerospace District #837 speaking on the fact that Senator Claire McCaskill originally did not support this stating that it was an "earmark" issue. However, when Bob Soutier, President of the St. Louis Labor Council made a strong public comment as to his disappointment in McCaskill's handling of this crisis, suddenly McCaskill changed her thinking and stated that she had been mis-quoted and that she was definitely for keeping the production of these aircraft at the St. Louis plant.

John Ebeling informed the Board of the request for affiliation to the Council by the California Nurses Association.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division stated that while SEIU had long been at loggerheads with the Nurses, they had now joined the AFL-CIO and they have agreed to bury the hatchet and work together. However, it was not clear that they have members here in the St. Louis area yet.

Tom George asked, "How can you affiliate when you have no members to pay on here?"

A motion was made, seconded and approved to table this request until further information is gathered on the local membership of the Nurses Association.

John Ebeling asked for a motion to approve the cancellation of the June Executive Board meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to cancel.

Marcia Cline gave a report on the \$5 for the Fight Fund and handed out an information sheet as to how many persons have been helped and how much money has been used from the account.

Karen Lyons discussed with Ed Finkelstein the prospect of putting an article in the Labor Tribune thanking all the contributors to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

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Marcia also gave a report on the upcoming Community Services Conference to be held June 14, 15, and 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

Roz Sherman Voellinger stated that she heard the media announce that the AFL-CIO did not support the smoking ban in Clayton and asked when that came about.

Nancy Cross stated that the media had asked one person in the AFL-CIO their opinion, and then took it upon themselves to state that all of the AFL-CIO was of that same opinion. This was not a subject that was voted on.

Ed Finkelstein thanked Nancy Cross and everyone for their support of the Metro issue.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M stated that the Labor Council should be doing more for awareness of the Employee Free Choice Act.

It was stated that it would be passed on to President Soutier to initiate a Rally in support of the Employee Free Choice Act.

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

Fraternally,

John Ebeling, First Vice President

Karen Lyons
Assistant to the President

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COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 637.182 for March 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

President Soutier reminded everyone of the Boeing Rally to be held at the Machinists District No. 9 Hall on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. and asked for everyone's participation.

Soutier also made note that the Executive Board meeting for June had been cancelled.

Byron Clemens, AFT #420 spoke on the reasons for turning down the contact for St. Louis public schools. Clemens asked for unions not to give money to support Jeff Smith.

Earline Jones, President CWA, Local #6377 spoke on negotiations with AT&T.

Cynthia Blackmon, UFCW, Local #655 advised the delegates of a fundraising BBW to be held at Schnuck's City Plaza, 3431 Union Blvd. on June 13, 2009.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ron Evola, District #837 thanked President Soutier for the Council's support of Boeing's C-17 & FA-18.

Evola spoke on his meeting with US Senator Claire McCaskill.

Marcia Cline, United Way advised the delegates of the Missouri AFL-CIO Community Services Conference to be held in St. Louis at the Crowne Plaza Hotel from June 14-16.

Gus Frank, Letter Carriers advised the delegates that the food drive they held brought in 900,000 pounds of food.

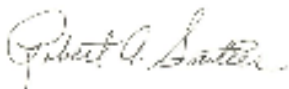
COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

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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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
Shannon Duffy
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
Yvette Goods
Jacob Hummel
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 408 Members
Fran Dilliard
Mike Pendergast

No. 1439 – 752 Members
Russell McCreary

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
Ken Truemper

Iron Workers

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

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
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
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

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members

Mike Hahn
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
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

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters

No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Patrick Kellett

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
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
Jack Beckman
Kevin Whalen

**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
Daniel Dyer
Ervin Hupp
Kris Mueller

No. 2370

**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
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
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

**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
Cynthia Blackmon
Michael Kelley
Nicole Rich
Kevin Ryan
Robert Spence

**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
A. Philip Randolph Institute,
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)
Tony Hill
Coalition of Labor Union Women

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