

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
November 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, November 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, Donald Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Gerald Feldhaus, Michael Goebel, Joseph Schonlau, Mark Staffne, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the October 20, 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier read two resolutions. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolutions as read. They are as follows:

Resolution – In Support of AFGE

Whereas, organizing is the lifeline of all unions

Whereas, T.S.A. agents employed by the federal government at airports have a right to be represented by a union

Whereas, poor treatment of T.S.A. agents must stop; the only way this will happen is to encourage them to join a union

Whereas, for years the AFL-CIO has been the voice of all working people, and

Whereas, the unions of the AFL-CIO offer the best chance for T.S.A. agents to bargain for wages and benefits in the work place

Therefore be it resolved, the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO urges all T.S.A. agents to vote for A.F.G.E. (American Federation of Government Employees) in the upcoming election.



Robert A. Soutier, President
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Second Resolution:

Resolution Against Raiding

Whereas, union membership is in decline and good jobs with union benefits are hard to find

Whereas, the poor economy has caused businesses to fail and jobs to be sent overseas

Whereas, the unions of the AFL-CIO continue their fight for working men and women

Whereas, our continued support of the Employee Free Choice Act will insure workers the chance to have a union of their choice

Whereas, as is the case with all unions, organizing is a top priority and we encourage our affiliates to organize the un-organized, and

Whereas, some affiliates see common interests in an individual bargaining unit from time to time

Therefore be it resolved, The Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO cannot support raiding of any kind among affiliates.

Also, be it resolved, that we encourage affiliates to work together in this difficult time for the good of all working people.



Robert A. Soutier, President
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REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier informed the delegates about the Bridgeton City Hall meeting where the City Council voted to use non-union electricians on the construction of their new government building. Soutier stated that he was proud of the way the union conducted itself at the meetings and indicated that things were in the works to run against the members that voted against the IBEW, Local #1 contractor.

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, November 12, 2009

NOTE: *A pre-Executive Board meeting was held by conference call at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009 to discuss the distribution of the gifts we collect at this year's Union Reps Luncheon Christmas party on December 17, 2009 at the Machinist's Hall. It was the hope that the gifts could be distributed to some of our union members' families who are out of work and in need, instead of the Toys for Tots organization. The matter was discussed, but tabled until the November 12, 2009 meeting as it could not be decided how best to distribute the toys. This issue may best be worked out over the course of the next year to find a workable solution.*

**In attendance of conference call were Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Kevin McNatt, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Mike Goebel, John Stiffler, Dave Zimmermann, Gary Smith, Tom McNeil, Vince Todt, and Bob Kelley, Karen Lyons and Marcia Cline.*

The November 12, 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, Don Giljum, (Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett), Gerald Feldhaus, Mike Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Pat Kellett, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Congressman Russ Carnahan, Kim Besserman and Roz Sherman-Voellinger of the United Way.

President Soutier introduced both Terry Hogel and Charlie Bent, from AFGE for a report on the organizing activity at Lambert Airport.

Hogel stated that she is organizing the TSA agents nationwide.

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A motion was made, seconded and passed that President Robert Soutier prepare a resolution of support to be read at the delegate meeting.

Congressman Russ Carnahan spoke to the Board about healthcare and his efforts to pass the House bill. A question and answer period followed, The Congressman also asked the unions to request PAC funds for him early.

President Soutier asked for approval to grant the office staff the normal Christmas present for 2009. A motion was made to give \$200 each to Karen Lyons and Kate Souders.

Soutier also asked for approval to grant the normal pay increases based on the averages for IAM, IBEW and UFCW. A motion was made to do so for 2010.

Soutier stated that he will not take any increases for 2010 for the office of president.

Soutier indicated that he will report back at the December meeting for a bonus for Karen Lyons for 2010 once he has discussed it with her. Last year the Board stated that they would re-visit the bonus each year based on finances.

President Soutier advised the Board that he had met with the city of O'Fallon, MO regarding the possibility of moving the Labor Day Parade to O'Fallon. The Board voted to table the issue at this time.

Kim Besserman spoke to the Board about the E-911 campaign and the reasons it was successful.

Roz Sherman Voellinger gave an update on the \$5 for the Fight fund and the members that have been helped so far this year.

President Soutier discussed the annual Christmas toy drive held at the Union Reps Christmas party with the Board. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to request a \$20 check made payable to the \$5 for the Fight Fund from all in attendance, in lieu of a toy. This money would help to replenish this fund and help give assistance to our members who are out of work.

Kevin McNatt asked for a resolution condemning raiding of AFL-CIO unions. A motion was made, seconded and approved to prepare a resolution to be read at the delegate meeting when completed.

Jim Barrett, a candidate for Missouri House District #97 spoke to the Board about his race.

Gary Smith with the Musicians Union thanked the Labor Council, the Kelley Group and St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann for the help with Lindenwood University. Smith indicated Ehlmann was quite helpful.

Dave Zimmerman spoke about contributions to the political candidates and the need for them to be accountable.

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 646.948 for September 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Cross, Vice President of SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division spoke about the court case and the save our secret ballot issue. Cross said that cards are in the rear of the room for all to sign against this issue. Cross urged the delegates to be careful when being approached by petitioners asking for signatures.

Charlie Bent, AFGE thanked the delegates for the resolution of support.

Fred Wolfmeyer, Vice President American Postal Workers St. Louis, thanked the Council for supporting the effort to keep postal offices open. Fred reported that none of the offices scheduled for closure were closed. He thanked President Soutier for coming out to rally in front of the main post office.

Steve Newell, IAM District 837, Lodge A stated that his local collected \$214.00 for the Five for the Fight Fund at their union meeting, and presented the contribution to President Soutier to be put into the fund.

Dennis Clancy donated \$105.00 to the Five for the Fight, Gus Frank, Letter Carriers, Local #343 Retiree made a \$10 donation and Curt Wheeling Laborers Local #110 donated \$20 to the Fund.

Marcia Cline, SEIU Local #1 thanked all delegated for contribution to the United Way in 2009.

Bob Kortkamp, IAM, Local #1345 stated that the Alliance for Retired Americans donated \$100.00 to the Five for the Fight Fund.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 spoke on single payer health care.

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,

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
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

Print & Media Sector John Ebeling
No. 6350 – 209 Members
No. 6377 – 50 Members
Earline Jones
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
Joseph Pollack
Laurie Waterhouse

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
Leon Arties
Tom Berger
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan

Tom Sansevere
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
Michael Yates

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
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union
No. 42 – 250 Members
Rich McLaughlin
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rick Casson
Don Willey
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
Richard Feldhaus
Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Charles Groeteke

Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Dave Meinell
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Ron Evola
Kurt Manns
Steve Newell
Tim Randall

District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
Don Lummus

Production Workers Lodge 1345
1455 Members
Robert Soutier
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
Barbara Sellini
Fred Wolfmeyer
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
Kevin Whalen

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
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
Roland Lewis
Pat Raftery

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
Cynthia Blackmon
Michael Kelley
David Politte
Nikki Rich
Kevin Ryan
Robert Spence
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
Gordon King
Painter's District Council No. #2
Joseph Barrett
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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