

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
September 15, 2009
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by First Vice President John Ebeling at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

Vice President Ebeling 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:** John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mark Staffne, Patrick White and David Zimmermann.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Robert Soutier, Donald Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Michael Goebel, Patrick Kellett, Gordon King, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and Mark Woolbright.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

Vice President John Ebeling called William Waterhouse, IBEW, Local #1 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as a Delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the August 18, 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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, September 10, 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, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Edward Fleming, Jr., Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Vincent Todt, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Jim Daugherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Joe Schonlau, Mark Staffne, and John Stiffler.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Tim Lorson, President of Mardi Gras, Inc.; and Abigail Heinz and Dawn Stringfield from CORO.

President Soutier gave the oath of office to Mike Goebel Secretary-Treasurer of IBT, Local #688 and Gordon King President/Dir Bus Rep of IAM, Aerospace District Lodge #837.

President thanked all in attendance and asked the group to introduce themselves to the incoming members.

Soutier introduced Abigail Heinz and Dawn Stringfield from CORO. They spoke to the Board regarding the CORO Program and explained that they are seeking placements for CORO Fellows.

The Board was invited to a CORO Breakfast on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

President Soutier asked Tim Lorson to speak to the Board about the Mardi gras and the opportunity Labor has to participate in this year's parade.

Mr. Lorson also offered web-based services for the unions.

Soutier reminded the Board members of the United Way Trap Shoot scheduled for October 9, 2009.

Dave Zimmermann, President/Bus. Mgr. Sheet Metal, Local #36 spoke about the new building his union will break ground on in the near future, which will be located at Jefferson and Chouteau. Dave said that this will be a state-of-the-art building and be built with "green" technologies.

Kevin McNatt, President Workers United, Local #74 advised the Board of a strike at the Moose Lodge in Wood River, IL. He also spoke on the Labor Board charges at Pinnacle.

Mike Goebel, Secretary-Treasurer of IBT, Local #688 invited all to his union hall on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 to hear State Treasurer Clint Zweifel speak.

John Ebeling, First Vice-President handed out new Allied Printing Trades Guides.

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

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier, President

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COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Ebeling reported the BLS index at 645.096 for July 2009.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Vice President Ebeling announced that President Soutier was not in attendance due to the fact that he was attending the AFL-CIO Convention at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

Ebeling thanked all who helped to make the 2009 Labor Day Parade a success, with a special thank you to Karen Lyons, President Bob Soutier's assistant for all of her hard work and the effort she puts into trying to make all events involving the Labor Council bigger and better each year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Ebeling reminded the delegates of the presentation of the Andy Owens Community Service Award and the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award to be presented to Tony Ellebracht and Dave Sinclair respectively at the October 20, 2009 delegate meeting. Ebeling asked for a good turnout and said that there was a strong possibility that refreshments would be served at that meeting.

Vice President Ebeling read the following email that was sent out earlier in the day to the Labor Council Executive Board regarding the upcoming Bridgeton City Council meeting:

It seems that Conrad Bowers, Mayor of the City of Bridgeton, MO is pushing for **non-union workers** to build the new city hall which will be located on Natural Bridge Road in Bridgeton.

Bob Soutier, President of the St. Louis Labor Council would like as many union members as possible, **all wearing their union shirts to attend this meeting!** He does not need anyone to protest or get involved. He would just like as many members as possible to attend to show solidarity and make it known that we, the unions are here!

The meeting of the City Council of Bridgeton will take place tomorrow night (Wednesday), September 16, 2009 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 11955 Natural Bridge Road in Bridgeton, MO 63044. Please try to get as many of your members as you can to attend.

Dave Lalumondier, President of Teamsters, Local #688 invited all to attend a meeting at his local, on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 to hear State Treasurer Clint Zweifel speak.

Tom Sansevere, IBEW, Local #1 said that members of his local have been attending the Bridgeton City Council meetings and asked all to attend and support this effort.

Yvette Good, IBEW, Local #1 spoke about several fundraisers coming up; a Coat Drive for St. Louis area children, a golf tour, a wine tasting on November 11 for \$20 per ticket, and a dance on December 1, 2009 with food and music.

A representative of the St. Louis Teachers, Local #420 stood and asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Crystal Lee Sutton, the woman who fought to unionize Southern textile plants in the 1970's, and inspired the movie *Norma Rae*.

A moment of silence was observed by the delegation. Ms. Sutton died on Friday, September 11, 2009 after a long battle with brain cancer.

Don Osiek, GCC/IBT 6-505M informed everyone that the new Missouri State Union Printing List was out and that he had them available at the entrance of the room.

Paul Winslow, OPEIU, Local #277 advised the delegates of the October 23rd Midwest Clay Shoot to be held in Kansas City and hosted by the President of the Boilermakers. Leaflets were also available at the entrance to the hall.

Tony Harris, President of the American Postal Workers St. Louis Gateway Area announced that he had a resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service cease and desist from closing/consolidating several branches in and around St. Louis.

The resolution however could not be voted on since it had not yet been voted on by the Executive Board.

Yvette Good advised the delegates of a radio station that airs between 5 and 6:00 p.m. by Robin Wright Jones.

John Ebeling reminded the delegation of the Tug-of-War and picnic to be held in Forest Park on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

GOOD AND WELFARE

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,

John Ebeling, First Vice 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

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 567 Members
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
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Tom Sansevere
Bill Waterhouse

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

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
Rich McLaughlin
No. 53 – 400 Members
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rick Casson
Curt Wheeling
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
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
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members
Ron Evola
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

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

Mike Grady

Scott Ramshaw

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

Tony 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
 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
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
No. 2370
United Steel Workers International
Union
U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6
 1072 Members
 Pat White

Rod Herrmann
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
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
Teamsters
No. 688
 Michael Goebel
 Dave Lalumondier
 Roland Lewis
 Pat Raftery
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

United Food and Commercial Workers,

No. 655 – 13,829 Members

Jim Dougherty

Eric Davis

Harriett Weaver

Workers United

No. 74 – 2000 Members

Kevin McNatt

**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 Rippeto

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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