

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
April 20, 2010
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, April 20, 2010.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Jo Ann George, wife of Tom George, President of IBEW, Local #1, who passed away after a long battle with cancer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Donald Giljum, Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., 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, Tom George, Gordon King, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the affiliation of the St. Louis Police Officers' Association as new members of the St. Louis Labor Council.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Christopher Eisele, from IBEW, Local #1455 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his union as a Delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March 16, 2010 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier invited Mark Woolbright, IAFF 2nd District Vice President to the podium to make a special announcement. Mark, in turn introduced Rich Menda, Fire Fighters, Local 2665 Bus. Mgr.; Jennifer Stullman, Local 2665 Political Activist; and Bill Esterline, Chairman Pattonville Fire Department to help him present checks and cash totaling \$13,680, collected from his members, to be given in support of the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

President Soutier accepted this donation with much thanks. A standing ovation was given by the membership, as this was the largest single donation ever made to the Fund. This extremely generous contribution came at a time when the \$5 for the Fight Fund was completely depleted and in dire need of being replenished. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the Fire Fighters, as many union families will benefit from their kindness, help and generosity.

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, April 15, 2010

The April 15, 2010 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, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippeto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Edward Fleming, Jr., Don Giljum, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, and John Stiffler.

Also present were Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO; Marcia Cline, United Way; and Karen Lyons, Labor Council.

President Soutier asked Randy Kiser to begin the meeting with his announcement.

Randy Kiser informed the Board of the upcoming Labor 2010 Political Training session which will be held Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As yet, there is no location set, but he will let everyone know as soon as the venue is acquired. This will be updated training which will focus on current issues and be pertinent to everyone; union members, leadership, activists and anyone interested. This will be a "no cost" training session and a training manual will be included. Randy encouraged everyone to attend.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the May 6th date change for the May Executive Board meeting.

President Soutier asked Karen Lyon's to inform the Board of the upcoming food packaging session.

Karen told the Board that they are scheduled to help package food for the organization "Kids Against Hunger" on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and asked them if they would make a contribution to this organization to help offset the cost of materials. A total of 47 people signed up for the session to be held in St. Charles County. They are expected to package 50 cases of food, each containing 216 packaged meals to provide nutrition to children around the world.

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President Soutier updated the Board on the Labor Club meeting change. The meeting will now be held at GCC/IBT, Local #6-505 on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be between Labor Club presidents and Labor Council Executive Board members to make clear the rules and regulations of the clubs.

President Soutier asked the Board for volunteers to form an interview committee for COPE endorsed Senate race candidates on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the Labor Council office. Interviews will begin at 9:00 a.m. and be 15 to 20 minutes long for each candidate until all candidates are heard. The committee will include Pat White, Mark Staffne, Tony Ellebracht, Jerry Feldhaus, David Zimmermann, Mark Woolbright and Bob Soutier.

Marcia Cline gave a report on the "Surviving Layoff" seminar that was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Machinists' District 9 Hall. Marcia announced that the seminar had been a huge success and they felt that it gave a good number of members much needed information on coping with their situations and insight on how to move forward. They are hopeful they will have another seminar in the near future for persons who were not able to attend this one.

John Ebeling, Vice President Local #6300 warned the Board about a company called "City Graphics Printing" located in St. Louis on Chippewa who are passing themselves off as a union shop. He wanted everyone to know that they are not a union shop and to pass that word so that your members are informed.

Kevin McNatt, President UNITE HERE, Local #74 reported that Pinnacle signed a settlement agreement and that was a big win for them. He also stated that there would be a big rally downtown on the morning of Friday, May 7th for the President Casino workers. They want to put pressure on Pinnacle to hire those workers on at the new River City Casino and Lumiere.

Mark Woolbright, Vice President IAFF 2nd District, informed the Board that the city of St. Louis is talking about outsourcing Emergency Medical Services, which are mostly union jobs. He asked the Board for their support to oppose privatizing EMS. A motion was made, seconded and passed to oppose the privatization of Emergency Medical Services in the city of St. Louis, with President Soutier promising to write a letter to Mayor Slay, with copies also sent to Lewis Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen and Darlene Green, Comptroller, in support of the union Fire Fighters and EMS workers currently working in the city. Woolbright announced that 130 jobs are at stake, however not all 130 are union jobs.

Mike Goebel, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters, Local #688 said that the strike at G.S. Rollins is over. He reported that 10 people ultimately ended up walking away from their jobs. He said that they got no political assistance at all, but that the Missouri Displaced Persons division is trying to help those ten individuals.

Pat White, Business Rep, USW/Gas Workers, Local 11-6 announced that Greg Booth, President of the Tri-County Labor Club was currently in intensive care at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles with pneumonia and asked that we keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark Staffne, Business Rep, IBEW, Local #1439 stated that Shriner's Hospital was planning a new building project in 2010 using all union labor.

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier announced that the COPE recommendations from area Labor Clubs were due by June 1, 2010.

Soutier said that there would be a June 3, 2010 conference call at 9:30 a.m. for the Executive Board to approve the COPE recommendations prior to the June 7, 2010 AFL-CIO Executive Board meeting in Jefferson City.

President Soutier reminded the delegation of the Labor 2010 Training Session on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 Hall.

Soutier also informed the delegates that the Executive Board would be volunteering their time on Saturday, April 24, 2010 to help package food for the organization, Kids Against Hunger. This organization is a local, 100% volunteer-driven international food relief project.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 651.925 for March 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bob Kortkamp, Treasurer MO ARA reminded the delegates of the upcoming Union Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at the Shrine of St. Joseph. He said that this is a non-denominational event and that everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We honor the lives of our recently deceased brothers and sisters at this event and it would be a perfect time to show our solidarity.

Kortkamp also thanked the delegation for their support of the successful ARA barbeque which was held on March 26 at IAM, Local #837.

Byron Clemens, AFT, Local #420 spoke regarding the Reduction in Force in St. Louis Schools. He also spoke about the possibility of St. Louis opening a Vocational school and they would want it to be a "union" school. President Bob Soutier said that he would help with that effort.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Cross, Vice President of SEIU, Local #1 thanked everyone for their support of the Transit Tax (Proposition A) which passed with a higher rate than expected.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 spoke regarding St. Louis schools. Yvette also mentioned the IBEW, Local #1 Golf Tournament and coat drive scheduled for May 15th.

Fred Wolfmeyer, Postal Workers asked for help sending postcards to Legislators regarding HR #173 to oppose 5-day delivery.

Mike Chenot, Postal Workers reminded everyone of the Letter Carriers food drive scheduled for Saturday, May 8th to benefit local food banks.

Lew Moye, President CBTU thanked Nancy Cross for her hard work on the transit tax issue.

Moye also announced that the CBTU would have their National Convention in Detroit, Michigan from May 26 thru May 31, 2010. He said that the St. Louis Chapter has sent in two resolutions, one regarding jobs and the second regarding legislation to invest money in infrastructure.

Lew Moye also asked that the AFL-CIO develop a long-term strategy for single payer healthcare.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Tom Sansevere, IBEW, Local #1 thanked the delegates for the reverent moment of silence displayed for Jo Ann George at the beginning of the meeting.

Tom also announced that Greg Booth of IBEW, Local #1 is still in St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles recovering from pneumonia. He stated that he is finally out of intensive care and doing better. It was asked that we keep Greg in our thoughts and prayers.

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,



Robert A. Soutier, President

April 2010

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
Earline Jones

Print & Media Sector
John Ebeling
No. 6350 – 209 Members
No. 6390 – 150 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620 – 250 Members

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 353 Members
Shannon Duffy

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
Tom Berger
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
Billy Howle
Christopher Eisele
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

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rich Casson
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
Michael Diefenbach
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Charles Groeteke
Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Chuck Hendricks
Kurt Manns
Richard Peppers
District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
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
Paul Winslow
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
Jack Beckman
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
 Paul Presson
 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
 Ray Cummings
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
 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
 Randy Charboneau
 Eric Davis
 Michael Kelley
 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
Lew Moyer
A. Philip Randolph Institute,
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)
Coalition of Labor Union Women

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