

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
February 16, 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, February 16, 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 held for Larry Stettmisch, husband of Local #655 Union Rep, Nancy Parker Stettmisch.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Donald Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Michael Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Gordon King, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 19, 2010 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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, February 11, 2010

The February 11, 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, (Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett), Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippeto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Edward Fleming, Jr., Don Giljum, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Chico Humes, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Marcia Cline, United Way; Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO; John Glenn, James Elcock, and Rudy Schaser, Kids Against Hunger; Michael Kelley, The Kelley Group; Michelle Bagwell, St. Louis Police Foundation, Gary Otten, Painters District Council #2, and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

John Glenn gave a Power Point presentation regarding the national organization called “Kids Against Hunger,” which is located in LaMed Academy in St. Charles, MO, and in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club help to provide pre-packed, nutritional meals to the hungry the world over. This organization delivers over 195,000 pre-packed and nutritional meals per month to places like Uganda, Haiti, and all around the world where the need for food is great. Mr. Glenn is seeking financial contributions for the organization, but more importantly for long-lasting participation in packaging the meals, help in finding warehousing, leasing opportunities or any type of sustainable help.

President Soutier asked if it would be feasible for the unions to come and help package. A motion was made, seconded and approved to set up a time when the unions would visit the “Kids Against Hunger” organization and provide assistance.

Randy Kiser announced that they are trying to close the Whirlpool Corporation plant in Evansville, Indiana on March 26. The plant will be relocating in Mexico, taking over 1,100 American jobs with it. Randy asked for support of the “Demonstration” for jobs in America to be held on Friday, February 26 at IUE-CWA, Local #808 Union Hall in Evansville. The demonstration will be held at 3:00 p.m. and a solidarity march will follow at

3:30 p.m. Randy is trying to set up buses to leave from St. Louis for interested parties, but asked for people to car pool and be there to show support for this all important effort.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to write a Resolution to urge members to attend.

Michael Kelley introduced Michelle Bagwell of the St. Louis Police Foundation to the group. Michelle explained that the Foundation is new to the St. Louis area as it was started in July of 2007, using similar formats in Las Angeles and New York as models. The purpose of the foundation is to help the rank and file members of the St. Louis city police department with equipment, programs or projects; anything they need to help make their jobs safer and more effective. She encouraged the members to make donations of \$100, \$250 or \$500.

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Soutier asked the members for lists of contractors from each union for us to put on the Labor Council website (stlclc.org).

President Soutier reminded everyone of the "Ask the Experts" arbitration seminar to be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Maggie O'Brien's. Richard Horn and a team of arbitrators will be on hand to inform and educate.

President Soutier advised the Board of Labor Club recommendations as follows:

**Warren County Labor Club:
Wright City**

Mayor

David Heiliger

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Warrenton Labor Club's candidate endorsement.

**Jefferson County Labor Club Endorsements:
(*Incumbents)
City Council Seats:**

Arnold:

Councilwoman Ward 1
Councilman Ward 2
Councilman Ward 3
Councilman Ward 4

Christine "Cricky" Lang
Jim Edwards
Paul Freese
Kenneth Moss

Crystal City

Mayor
Councilwoman Ward 1
Councilman Ward 2
Councilman Ward 4

Tom Schilly*
Grace Bingham
Dan Portell*
Ken Duncan

Festus

Mayor
Councilman Ward 3

William Earl Cook Sr.*
Kevin Dennis

Pevely Council Seat:

Councilman Ward 2

J. David Shelley

School Boards of Education:

Fox School District 6

Pete Nicholas*

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Northwest School District 1

Crystal City School District
DeSoto #73 School District

Festus School District 6
Jefferson R-VII School District 7

Dunklin School District 5
Millsboro School District R-3
Sunrise R-9 School District
Jefferson County 9-1-1 Dispatch

Nancy Berkfield*
Nelson Weber
Sandy Earls
Jeffrey Russell
Carol Talbert
Todd Oetting*
~~David B. Courtway~~ (Taken off by B.V. 2-2-10)
Jennifer Becker
Oscar "Jim" Kasten
Charles "Bo" Harrison
Stacy J. Werner
Nathan Davis
Paul Mayer

Fire District & Ambulance Districts:

Big River Fire Protection District
Cedar Hill Fire Protection District
Rock Community Fire District
Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District

Rock Community Ambulance District

Valley Ambulance District

Edward L. "Ed" Kemp
Joshua Malson
Cathy Woodridge
Sam Richards
Darryl Reed
Randy Crisler
Charles Meyer Jr.
Eric Young
Carey S. Manning

A discussion ensued among the Board members as to whether the interviewing guidelines were being followed. It was decided that all in all the Labor Clubs do a good job of interviewing the candidates. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Jefferson County Labor Club endorsements.

President Soutier asked Karen Lyons to give a brief overview of the Union Reps Lunch Club and its functions, as it has been taken into recent consideration to possibly dissolve this event, in particular the Christmas Party.

Karen gave the report sighting the importance of Labor and its outreach into the community through this venue. A motion was made, seconded and approved to retain the Union Lunch club and the Christmas party as is.

President Soutier announced that the May Executive Board meeting date would be changed to May 6 in order for the Board to meet at the Jewish Community Center for lunch and a Labor Seder.

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Ed Finkelstein gave an explanation of the Seder and said that this is an opportunity for Labor to express their concerns to the Jewish leaders of our community as well as Labor communicating theirs.

Kevin McNatt, President Unite Here, Local #74 gave a report on Pinnacle and the Gaming Commission trying to revoke their Gaming license at the President Casino. McNatt said that he is desperately trying to keep the jobs of his 70-80 employees working there.

Soutier gave a brief summary of his visit to the Governor's Mansion with the Chinese Trade Ambassador. He stated that he had been invited to dinner along with the Mayor, County Executive, various politicians, along with other Labor leaders, such as Jerry Feldhaus, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Building Trades Council, and Pat Kellett, Business Rep Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562.

It was discussed that it is very hopeful that bringing Chinese planes into Lambert International Air Field with Chinese goods to be filled with American goods for export would bring about new jobs for our area and help to put St. Louis back on the map.

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 spoke about his dinner at the Governor's Mansion with other Labor leaders and politicians and the Chinese Trade Ambassador. He impressed upon the delegates the need for Chinese aircraft to bring in their goods to be centrally distributed. He also said that we have the assurance of the Chinese government that they will in turn load their planes with American products such as meat, poultry etc. Since there would be a need for warehousing and construction, this would be beneficial to the trade unions. And since transportation would be necessary, this would benefit the Teamsters. All in all, this endeavor would help to generate jobs in the area and help to put St. Louis back on the map.

Soutier reminded the delegates of the arbitration seminar entitled "Ask the Experts" to be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at Maggie O'Brien's from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with breakfast, a lunch buffet, and refreshments throughout the day being served. At \$60 per person, this event is extremely informative and educational, and Soutier encouraged anyone interested to please attend.

President Soutier gave a brief overview of the organizations called “Kids Against Hunger” which packages nutritional meals and delivers to countries throughout the world. He informed the delegates that this was something he was passionate about and that the Labor Council Executive Board is in the process of setting a time to volunteer to help package these meals. The organization is of course always in need of monetary donations, but more importantly a donation of time to help package, or warehouse space, or any type of ongoing help is what is needed most.

Soutier mentioned the upcoming 2010 Union Counseling Course put on by the United Way. These courses will be held on the Thursdays in April (8, 15, 22 & 29) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the IBEW Local #1 Electrical Industry Training Center at 2300 Hampton Avenue. These courses are designed to assist those out-of-work members seeking help. Some of the areas of assistance to be covered are: *The Many Faces of Community Services*, *Money Matters*, *Off Work? It Plays with Your Mind and Body*, and *Finding Your Way through the Unemployment Maze*. You can call Roz Sherman Voellinger at the United Way for more information at 314 539-4193 or email her at roz.voellinger@stl.unitedway.org.

President Soutier addressed the delegates and said that he was upset to hear that one of the Labor Clubs may not be interviewing their candidates. He would not mention any names as he said that this was simply hearsay. Also, Tri County’s recommendations did not get sent in time to go before the Executive Board. And Soutier stated that since some do not coincide with the Executive Board, any recommendations passed here tonight may have to be rescinded if he finds that the rumors are true. That being said, the COPE recommendations were read.

***NOTE: Please see the Executive Board minutes for Warren County Labor Club and Jefferson County Labor Club Recommendations.**

Re: Warren County, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the recommendations.

Re: Jefferson County, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the recommendations.

Tri-County Labor Legislative Club Endorsements

Francis Howell School District-R3

Board of Directors

Gary Miller
Cynthia Bice

City of Troy, MO

Mayor

Alderman, Ward 1

Alderman, Ward 3

Dennis Deter
Brian Gaylean
Gerard Hagendorn

Orchard Farm School District-R5

Board of Directors

Donald Joe Bushdiecker

Wentzville School District-R4

Board of Directors

Margaret (Peg) Scholl
Dale Schaper

St. Charles City Council
Councilmember, Ward 8
Councilmember, Ward 10

OPEN
Erv Ermeling

City of O'Fallon
Councilman, Ward 2
Councilman, Ward 5

Pierce Conley
Mark S. Perkins

City of Lake Saint Louis
Alderman, Ward 1
Alderman, Ward 2

Ralph Sidebottom
Karen Vennard

City of Wentzville
Mayor
Alderman, Ward 2
Alderman Ward 3

William J. Schutte
Michael Hays
John Luby

O'Fallon Fire Protection District
Board of Directors

Tony LaMantia

Saint Charles County Ambulance
District #2
District #4
District #6

Vivian Kaesser
Joan Marie Peery
OPEN – Per Greg Booth, President Tri-County Labor

Brian LeBac of IBEW, Local #1 questioned the recommendation of St. Charles County Ambulance District #6 selection of Kevin Guerra, sighting that he heard there were two good union men who could fill this spot. He moved to leave that spot open. A motion was made, seconded, but not approved. District #6 shall remain as is.

Re: Tri County, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the recommendations as is.

NOTE: Per a phone call to President Soutier from Greg Booth, President of Tri-County Labor Club, District #6 is to remain open.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 646.887 for December 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO spoke about the “Made in America & Save Our Jobs” Demonstration to be held in Evansville, Indiana at the Whirlpool Corporation that is planning on closing and eliminating 1,100 American jobs. Randy encouraged all to attend on Friday, February 26. Flyers were available with information.

Bob Kortkamp, Treasurer ARA spoke about their upcoming fundraiser, a barbeque to be held on Friday, March 26 at Machinist’s District 837 and encouraged all to purchase a table.

Kortkamp also announced the Union Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 2 at the Shrine of St. Joseph and a tribute to our deceased union members. He stated that this is a non-denominational event and urged all to attend as a show of solidarity. A brunch will follow at Maggie O’Brien’s and information can be obtained by calling the Labor Council office.

Marcia Cline of the United Way encouraged attendance at the Lera “The Future is Green: Partnering for Economic Growth” breakfast and program on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at the IBEW, Local #1439 Hall on 59th Street. There were flyers at the entrance of the room regarding this event.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division spoke regarding the possible elimination of the earned tax and income tax. She warned that if this happens we will virtually have no service industry. They are touting a 5% tax, when in reality it would be more like 11% and would tax things like rent, food, funeral services, anything service oriented. She warned to decline to sign anything regarding taxes. She stated that we are NOT in favor of Senate Bill #818, but are IN FAVOR of Senate bill #796.

Nancy also spoke on the Metro Transit Tax and the ½ cent sales tax. This tax would benefit not only the metro system, but the bus system in St. Louis as well. The city of St. Louis needs a mass transit system in order to be a viable city of the future and to bring jobs back into the city.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 said that she had calendars available for sale at the entrance of the room.

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

February 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

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
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

William Trendley
Frank Winterer
Laborers International Union
No. 42 – 250 Members
Rich McLaughlin
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rich Casson
Curt Wheeling
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
Larry Williams
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Charles Groeteke
Al Mieger
Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Calvin Davis
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Chuck Hendricks
Richard Peppers
Michael Smith
District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
Don Lummus
Production Workers Lodge 1345
1455 Members

Robert Soutier
Marvin Gray
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
Mike Grady
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
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
**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
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
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
 Nick Trupiano
 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
 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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