

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
January 19, 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, January 19, 2010.

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, Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, 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, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Donald Giljum, Jim Dougherty, Gordon King, Tony Rippetto, Joseph Schonlau, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Michael Smith, Richard Peppers, Chuck Hendricks, and Sandra Henderson all from IAM, Lodge #837A to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local union as Delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the December 15, 2009 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, January 14, 2010

The January 14, 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, Don Giljum, Nancy Cross, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Mike Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, and Gary Reay.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein of the Labor Tribune, Marcia Cline of the United Way, Vena Stevens, Gateway EITC Community Coalition, Marcia Barber, Girl Scouts, Bob Kortkamp, MO ARA, and Bill Otto, Jobs with Justice.

Bill Otto spoke to the Board about the “Save Our Secret Ballot” petitions going around and how Jobs with Justice will be combating this.

Bob Kortkamp spoke to the Board about the Labor Mass scheduled for the first Sunday in May and the upcoming ARA Barbeque.

Marcia Cline gave an update on the Five for the Fight Fund.

Nancy Cross, Vice President of SEIU, Local #1 MO Div and Ed Fleming, President Transit Union, Local #788 spoke on the Metro Transit Tax issue.

Jerry Feldhaus, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council advised the Board members that the Carpenters District Council had dropped out of PRIDE.

Mark Woolbright, Professional Fire Fighters of Eastern MO, Local #2665 made a motion for the Council to oppose any issue to resend the earnings tax in St. Louis. This motion was seconded and approved.

President Soutier advised the Board that we may need a conference call to act upon COPE recommendations, due to time constraints.

Kevin McNatt, President UNITE HERE, Local #74 spoke about issues with Pinnacle Entertainment.

Dave Zimmerman, President/Business Manager Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 advised the Board that American Eagle C.U. is no long a union.

President Soutier advised the Board that his assistant Karen Lyons would be at the next Board meeting to discuss issues with the Business Reps Group.

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.

Earline Jones, CWA, Local #6300 rose to request that we endorse Karla May, a CWA member running for State Rep in District #57.

President Soutier indicated that after the Board meeting, he received a fax from the City Labor Club endorsing Karla May, so he would entertain the motion.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to amend the Board report to include the endorsement of Karla May.

Another motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the entire Board report as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier spoke about the Metro Transit Tax proposal and the implications of not passing this legislation.

Soutier also spoke about the Five for the Fight fund and advised the delegates that over \$10,000 was raised for this fund at the 2009 Union Representative's Christmas party.

President Soutier reminded the Delegates that we have helped hundreds of union families who have been out of work with this fund. He reminded them that they should feel good about how the Labor Movement has stepped up to help those in need.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Otto, Jobs with Justice spoke about the "Save Our Secret Ballot" campaign and asked Delegates not to sign any petitions.

Dennis Clancy, spoke about a book he is reading entitled, "The Family" and asked all to read it.

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO spoke about the Good Jobs Now program sponsored by the AFL-CIO.

Byron Clemens, AFT, Local #420 spoke about Rex Singfuld and how he is spending money to pass anti-worker legislation.

Bob Kortkamp, MO ARA spoke about the Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Bob also spoke about the March 26, 2010 Barbeque for the Alliance for Retired Americans.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Doug Clemmons advised the Delegates that he is running for State Rep in District #77.

Marcia Cline, SEIU spoke about the free tax preparation service available to qualifying members.

Keith Robinson, advised the Delegates about A. Phillip Randolph.

Ken Truemper spoke about the Labor Law Breakfast.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M thanked everyone for supporting the Martin Luther King banquet.

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
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
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
Tony Pecinovsky
Joe Pollack

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
Matt Gober
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
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
No. 110 – 500 Members
No. 660 – 225 Members
Perri Pryor
Letter Carriers Branch No. 343
1400 Members
Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Robinette Hensley
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney
Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 20 Members
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
697 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Charles Groeteke
Al Mieger
Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Chuck Hendricks
Kurt Manns
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
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
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

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, Jr.
 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
 Randy Charboneau
 Eric Davis
 Michael Kelley
 Kevin Ryan
 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 Rippeto
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
Lew Moye
A. Philip Randolph Institute,
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)
Coalition of Labor Union Women

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